

# The Prospector

## Second Quarter: Summer 2019

*Newsletter of the Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society*

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*please note: some of the listings for events are for past dates, however these listings were sent to the membership when the events were current. They are shown here only for readership interest.*

Hi all!

**IT'S PICNIC TIME!!** This **Sunday June 9 at Whispering Pines park**. Bring a side, salad or dessert, your own plates and utensils, a rock related item to auction and \$3. We will provide yummy burgers, hot dogs, water and auction paddles. You can bring your own beverages but no alcohol please. There will be lots of unique and amazing items for your auctioning pleasure! Come have fun with us this Sunday!! Starts at noon.

Also a **BIG THANK YOU** to Talma, Karin and Terri for putting together terrific 'hands' on projects!! Talma's 'Shingle Art' and 'Gem Jars' were so creative and fun! Karin and Terri's 'Tree of Life' were so beautiful! Our club 'Hands On Projects' case will be full this year!! Maybe we'll need two!

Our next meeting at the museum is Friday, July 12.

See you at the picnic this Sunday!

Susie Harlow  
CVGMS, Pres.

*President's Message- February:*

Hi everyone!

I want to start by thanking Talma for a great hands on project at our January meeting. Her efforts to collect so many different kinds of materials in addition to the shingles and polished rocks was a real labor of love!! And all of you let your creative juices flow and created some pretty remarkable works of art. Pictures will accompany a separate article. Our February DVD on Carlsbad Caverns was really interesting and brought back good memories from my childhood visit. Thanks Jill for that!

Thanks also to Janis and Sally for our January & February refreshments. March refreshments will be provided by Dorinda & Jeff Bubbenmoyer.

Our March Program is a Quartzsite/Tucson member "show & tell". Pick something you love from your collection, or perhaps something you're working on, and share it with us. You guys are the program this month!

See you all Friday, March 8.  
Susie Harlow, CVGMS President

## **MEETING NOTICE:**

**Just as a reminder**, the next meeting will be this coming **Sunday, June 9** - it's the annual June Picnic & Auction, so please bring something to auction off, to benefit the club's programs!

## MEMBERSHIP NOTES...

At our April 12 meeting we had 21 members present. There were 3 guests present; Sandi & Fred Dorroe and with Pat Rosburg signing is as a guest - does this mean that she has resigned?

-Jay

At our May meeting we had 19 Members sign in. There were two guests Tom Caves and Delina Greyling

-Jay

## Update...Mary Jane Stephens:

Our longtime member Mary Jane Stephens is selling her house and most of her belongings. She's moving to a facility and needs money. Most of her rocks and some of her carvings are all gathered into one room. Her church friends are asking if any of our club members would be interested in them. She is willing to sell at a discount to club members who would appreciate their value. If you are interested in seeing Mary Jane's things, please contact Karen Araujo by email: [karaujo93901@gmail.com](mailto:karaujo93901@gmail.com)

Please let Karen know that you're a member of the Carmel Valley Gem club. Thank you.

## Tree of Life Project

At the April 12 Carmel Valley Mineral & Gem meeting at the PG Natural History Museum. Karin brought a very interesting and very pretty craft project, the "Tree of Life", made with silver-colored wire and stone chips.

Karin brought all the necessary ingredients, except for pliers and nippers, which she asked club members to bring.

Karin also brought the wire circle/rings to make the project a bit easier, and to save time, as we only have the use of the museum for a few hours.

This was a really nice project, everyone had lots of fun!

Thanks very much, Karin!

*Also: for those who wish to explore this craft farther, there are a variety of UTube videos that can give more "how-to" information on the "Tree of Life" project.*



## **CVGMS BOARD MEETING: April 12, 2019**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Sally Eastham who is filling in for Susie Harlow.

**Present:** Sally Eastham, Talma Taormina, Jay House, Matt & Barb Biewer, Adrienne Pimentel, Karin Salomon, Jill Kahlow, and Janis Rovetti.

**Correspondence:** Matt received our fairgrounds contract for this year. He also received the Carmel PO Box renewal and gave that to Jill to pay. We received the Santa Lucia Rockhound show flyer for the Paso Robles club show for April 21-22, 2019 and also received the West Coast Gem & Mineral show flyer for the Costa Mesa Club for May 10-12, 2019.

**Membership:** Jay reports no new members.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jill gave us a current profit and loss statement. It was M/S/P to pay the bills.

**Federation:** The 2020 show will be held in Lodi June 25-28, 2020. The Mariposa Gem Show is this coming weekend, April 13-14, 2019. The Santa Cruz Gem Show is April 27-28, 2019. Karin also reported that the Federation is still collecting for the Paradise Gem Club members that lost everything in the fire last year. She said mostly what they are collecting is equipment.

**Scholarship:** Talma did not have any scholarship news this month.

**Sunshine:** Janis had nothing to report so hopefully everyone is healthy.

**Old Business:** Rich Saylor is planning to put out the Prospector every 3 months instead of monthly and has been emailing everyone show dates, field trips, special events, etc. whenever he has some news in between those times. This is not always an easy task and thank you so much Rich for all of your hard work! We greatly appreciate it.

**New Business:** Talma will purchase the Rock Cycle Bingo cards to have on hand when we want to play a new bingo game. Plus Talma plans to have a hands-on program for the May program to make little rock-studded bottles to use as small vases.

**April Program:** Tree of Life hands-on art project by Karin

**May Program:** Hands-on program to make small vases adding little rocks to the outside with glue.

**June Program:** Whispering Pines Picnic/White Elephant auction June 9

Susie will contact Mike Humenik to possibly do a program on rocks. We may also choose a DVD for one of our monthly programs when we don't have a speaker.

The meeting was adjourned. The next board and general meeting is May 10, 2019.

Janis Rovetti, Recording Secretary

SALINAS VALLEY  
ROCK AND GEM CLUB

*72<sup>nd</sup> Annual*



**Saturday & Sunday,  
March 9th & 10th, 2019**

10AM to 5PM on both days

*Jewelry :: Gems*

*Crystals :: Minerals :: Fossils*

*Vendors :: Craft Supplies :: Beads*

**Admission  
\$2.00 per person.**

Kids 12 and  
under are free,  
when accompanied  
by an adult.

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Spreckels, CA

## **GET SET FOR THE FESTIVAL-** SANTA CLARA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

Presents its 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds

March 16 & 17, 2019 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday.

Fun for children of all ages See a large display of petrified wood, gold panning, stones polished by tumbling, and other how-to Demonstrations. See how the early Americans made arrow heads. Over 45 dealers selling many treasures for you to purchase. Many of the dealers are kid friendly so the children can touch interesting stuff and ask questions. Visit our scholarship booth where there is a spinning wheel, grab bags, and geodes that can be cut open to see what's inside.

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**The Culver City Rock and Mineral Club** will present its 58th Annual Fiesta of Gems Show on Saturday, June 29, 2019, from 10 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, June 30, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA 90230. This year the featured gemstone is Opal. Admission and parking are free. For more information contact Janice Metz atculvercityrocks35@gmail.com

For more information and full description of each demo, please go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/666240580474115/>

## **Newsletter of the Association of Applied**

## **Paleontological Sciences Special Edition, AAPS**

Dear Karin (Salomon),

President John Issa received the following from David Warther of David Warther & Co., regarding Mammoth Ivory. It is urgent that you take a minute, review the document and visit the website listed to post a comment. If this is written into CITES, it will end any trade in Mammoth ivory, teeth and skeletons.

"The member Nations signatory to the Convention of International Trade of Endangered Species (CITES) will meet in Sri Lanka, May 23 to June 3, 2019. Israel and Kenya have submitted a proposal to declare the Woolly Mammoth an endangered species by placing it into Appendix II. Appendix II species are not necessarily threatened with extinction, but their trade must be controlled. In this case, the danger stems from Mammoth's "look-alike" status to African elephant ivory opening the way for "laundering" or mislabeling

of elephant ivory.

I am asking that you follow the links and make a comment before the April 22, 2019 deadline on the issue of mammoths.

You may be for or against this proposal but if it passes there will be no trade in ancient mammoth ivory.

Here is what my public comment read for whatever it is worth:

"As a citizen of the USA and as a worker in fossil mammoth ivory I would like it made known that I am opposed to the classification of the ancient mammoth as an endangered or threatened species as set forth in a proposal in the upcoming CITES meeting. The idea of ancient mammoth ivory being a "look alike" material to elephant ivory that can thereby be utilized as a cover for the trade of illegal elephant ivory is not a reasonable concept."

This same concept, if taken seriously, will include high grade plastics that look like ivory. I work in a man made plastic that looks much more like real elephant ivory than does any of the mammoth ivory I work in. Are they going to list petroleum as composed of endangered species as well ? The same logic that proposes that mammoths be listed would insist that petroleum be listed as well for it is from petroleum that the highest grade imitation ivory plastics are made.

The plastic I use has been stopped twice in the past year by USFWS agents who were certain it was real ivory. In over 30 years of working mammoth ivory I have never seen USFWS or any other agency mistake mammoth ivory for elephant ivory.

There was a hearing in Washington March 13th, 2019 for public comment on this and other CITES changes. The United States Fish and Wildlife (USFW) is now deciding their position on this and all other proposals.

USFW has already decided that an extinct animal can be legally listed as CITES Appendix II. The comments most helpful will be those that point out substantive issues. Please state facts on the issues and how it could personally affect you.

Public Comments will be accepted until April 22, 2019. Steps to take if you want to comment:

- 1) Please go to <https://www.regulations.gov/>
- 2) Paste in this docket information FWS-HQ-IA-2017-0079
- 3) Place your comments there.

Here is the link to the full mammoth proposal:

[https://cites.org/sites/default/files/eng/cop/18/prop/020119\\_d/E-CoP18-Propdraft-Mammuthus-primigenius.pdf](https://cites.org/sites/default/files/eng/cop/18/prop/020119_d/E-CoP18-Propdraft-Mammuthus-primigenius.pdf)

Please feel free to forward this information, this email , to whomever you like."

Sincerely,

George Winters, Administrative Director

Association of Applied Paleontological Sciences, 96 East 700 South, Logan, UT 84321 435-757-6017

[george@stonejungle.com](mailto:george@stonejungle.com)

## **BRAD'S BENCH TIP:**

Included below are a couple of "Jewelry Bench Tips" for use in your club's newsletter next month. As usual,

I would appreciate the following attribution with each publication of Bench Tips:

*Be More Productive With Brad's "How To" Books:*  
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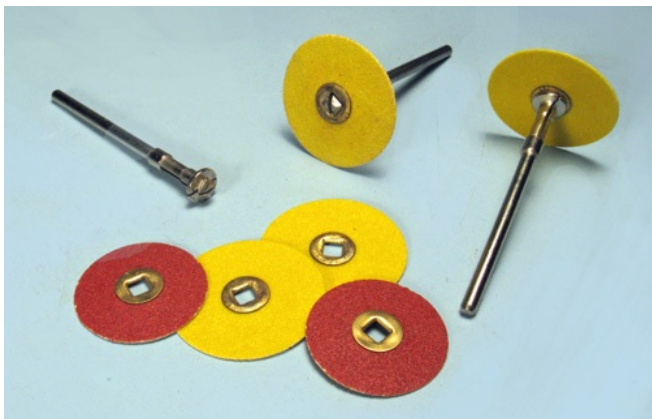
Happy hammering,  
- Brad

## **SANDING DISKS**

One of my favorite flexshaft tools that saves a lot of time is the snap-on sanding disk. I mainly use the medium and fine grits but sometimes like the very fine ones sold for working with platinum.

Ordinarily, you'd think of placing the disk on the mandrel with the grit side facing away from your hand, but notice that you end up with your elbow up in the air. Instead, try flipping the disk so that the grit side is towards your hand. It's a much more comfortable position because the elbow is down near your side, and it lets me hold the work up close where I have a better view of what I'm sanding.

I use these snap-on disks so frequently that I keep multiple mandrels with different grits already mounted in the bur stand. Some mandrels have the grit facing out and some facing in.



### **USING THE SANDING DISKS**

#### **EASIER PRONG SETTING**

When setting stones in a prong mount, the tool is less likely to slip off the prong if you grind a groove into its face or rough up the face a bit with sandpaper. Some folks prefer a prong pusher for doing this, and others like a set of pliers.

The easiest way to create a slot on the pusher is with a file, and the easiest way to create a slot on one jaw of your pliers is with a cutoff wheel. Then do a rough polish on the slot with a medium grit, knife-edge silicone wheel.

# The January Meeting: "Shingle Art"

We had a great time creating works of 'shingle' art. Thanks, Talma, for collecting such creative materials and sharing your polished rocks with us. Our members' creations were wonderful. Here are some pictures from our activity...







# QUARTZSITE & TUCSON, 2019



Dorinda & Barb Find A Nice Crystal Pendant

Jay, Talma, Sally, Matt and Barb drove their RVs to Tucson with a one day stop in Quartzsite to visit Desert Gardens. They were met in Tucson by Jeff and Dorinda who flew in and rented a car. Being first timers Jeff and Dorinda had a ball and did a lot of buying. Matt and Barb had to haul all of Jeff and Dorinda's goodies home in their RV. Barb bought a few carving rocks and Matt bought geodes and saw blades for the show.

The photos show Jeff by a large crinoid and Dorinda by a large petrified wood slab. Barb and Dorinda also posed with a large quartz crystal cluster.

# The Biewers' Workshop

For those club members who haven't seen the Biewers' workshop in Carmel Valley, here's what it looks like...part of it anyway! Located on the hillside that their lovely home is built on, it features a large collection of lapidary equipment, and all the extras that go with doing this type of work, from a large pile of "club rocks" outside- free to the club membership for their projects- to large slabbing saws, grinding & polishing equipment, and so on! The Biewers generally have open house workshop weekends twice a year or so, lots of fun but bring your own lunch!



## **FROM THE EDITOR: THE PROSPECTOR, 2019**

To all CVGMS members:

For various reasons, The Prospector was published only very intermittently last year. However, the fact is that each year fewer and fewer members submit photos or articles about their travels to shows, collecting specimen, gem/jewelry projects, and so on. It may be that since so many older members are no longer with us, the degree of dedication

to our hobby is less than it was in the past, especially in regards to many of the newer members.

When I took on the job of being editor of our newsletter (now some 14 years ago!) I did it with the understanding that I would not simply print a “cut and paste” newsletter, depending on the work of those in other clubs and other sources for appropriate material, but would instead try to incorporate articles and photos mainly from our own membership; obviously as few such submittals have been made in the recent past, especially, it is difficult to continue to put out the club newsletter with nothing to publish!

I have a possible solution to this problem, as well as to the problem of putting out a quality newsletter each month, not only in online form, but in printed form as well.

Trust me, it's a fairly time-consuming task; I estimate that each regular issue of The Prospector takes me about 2 full days of my time, to compose, assemble (particularly photographs!), then re-write, prepare for printing (paper edition), print, collate, staple, fold, address, stamp & take to the post office.

So, this is what I propose: to adopt a quarterly newsletter, which would an issue for each season: Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall. That would give the members enough time after trips or projects to collate their photos, possibly write up their recent experiences they wish to share, and so on.

As for the newsletter being a notice of upcoming meetings, as well as sending items of interest to the membership- such as up coming lectures, activities of the BLM, items for sale, and so on, this is best done- especially in a timely manner- by internet. To this end, several members , including Janis, Talma, Karin, Matt and Barb, and Andrea, and others on occasion, have been most helpful and very, very much appreciated!

The last question we should resolve is whether to continue publishing The Prospector not only online (as I have been doing) as well as paper printing and mailing, or simply have an online-only publication?

As for costs, the cost to publish online is of course zero, but to print and mail each issue is of course somewhat expensive, even though the cost of labor is zero. Print cartridges, especially color ones, are expensive; I have in recent years paid for paper myself (which isn't that much) but then there's the cost of mailing; a one-ounce issue of The Prospector- that is, five 8 ½ x 11 sheets, to nearly 55 addresses, costs over \$30 to send out; a year's worth now costs over \$330. An even larger edition would cost more, of course.

Anyway, if The Prospector is to become a quarterly issue, it would be expected that it would consist (hopefully!) of more than ten pages, including the front & rear cover. Very easy to do online, quite a bit more complicated to do for a print version, in order to get as much as possible to fit onto each page.

What are your thoughts, please?

1. Do you like the idea of a quarterly Prospector?
2. Do you think an online version-only would be OK, with "news items" of timely interest (upcoming lectures, meetings, items for sale, etc.) being forwarded to me & sent out ASAP online?
3. Would you personally be willing to commit to submitting an item or items for The Prospector at least once or twice a year...? Doesn't matter what, anything will help. This is important!

Please give this some thought, and get back to me with your thoughts at your earliest convenience.

Yours,

Rich Saylor  
 Editor, *The Prospector*

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60th Annual

# GEM SHOW



Sept 21 - 22, 2019

Monterey Fairgrounds

- Gems, Minerals, Fossils
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- Snackbar
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- Dealers



- Sat. 10 to 5
- Sun. 10 to 5
- Kid Stuff

Admission \$4.00    Children with Adult are FREE

\$1.00 off with a coupon



CVGMS BOARD MEETING: March 8, 2019

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Talma Taormina, filling in for Susie Harlow.

Present: Talma Taormina, Jay House, Matt & Barb Biewer, Adrienne Pimentel, Karin Salomon, Jill Kahlow, Janis Rovetti & Rich Saylor.

Correspondence: Matt received a letter from the Fairgrounds with the 30 day cancelation agreement. The Spreckels gem show is this weekend, March 9-10, 2019. Matt also received paperwork from the State of Calif. Dept. of Justice regarding our exemption status. We will try to determine how we had originally filed our status.

Membership: Jay reports no new members.

Treasurer's Report: Jill gave us a current profit and loss statement. It was M/S/P to pay the bills.

Federation: Karin reports that the Federation show is this weekend, March 8-10, 2019 in Pomona. The 2020 show will be held in Lodi June 25-28, 2020. Karin also brought the CFMS meeting minutes from the board of directors meeting in Visalia in Nov. 2018.  
cholarship: Talma did not have any scholarship news this month.

Sunshine: Janis had nothing to report so hopefully everyone is healthy.

Old Business: Our regularly scheduled gem show has been replaced by the Jazz Festival. We are now going to have our annual show on Sept 21-22, 2019 despite having signed a 5-year contract.

New Business: Talma brought up the possibility of purchasing Rock Cycle Bingo cards to have on hand when we want to play a new bingo game. It was M/S/P for her to buy it. In addition, Alyce wants to donate her rock collection. Some of our members will go to her house to take a look and our club may get some new rocks! Thank you Alyce for your very generous donation! Rich Saylor wanted feedback about putting out the Prospector every 3 months instead of monthly and will email everyone show dates, field trips, special events, etc. whenever he has some news in between those times.

March Program: Tucson Show and Tell from our Members

April Program: Tree of Life hands-on art project by Karin

May Program: Susie may do one of her school programs

June Program: Whispering Pines Picnic/White Elephant auction June 9

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Janis Rovetti, Recording Secretary

# A LETTER

Hi - I don't know the author of this article, but it's full of information  
Karin

Hello,

It's been awhile and I had a little time on my hands, so I thought the group might be interested in an update on what is occurring in and around Topaz Mountain, UT and finding red beryl. I have led numerous trips for mineral clubs, including the NW Federation out there to collect topaz and red beryl for several years now. I recently took my family and kids out there for a day during Spring Break, which is the first time I have been out there in well over a year. It has changed rather dramatically.

-- Materion (Brush Wellman) has started mining again in the Spor Mountain area west of Topaz Mountain, so the road out to it is in very good. Also, a group recently purchased the former U of Utah claims on the east side of the "cove," so the dirt roads in the area have also been improved. They are running a fee dig for topaz with different costs depending on whether you want to dig after a blast, have a guide, or just go out there yourself. You do get nice topaz there, but the rock is very hard. Although they took part of a free dig area away, they have made some improvements to the overall area.

Many of the popular dig areas, especially the 2 main red beryl areas have dramatically changed. Several individuals appear to be out there nearly 24 hours/day and nearly every day. It also appears they have been using some equipment that might not be authorized. I have been approached several times to buy red beryl from their finds (and for much more than retail). I recently went up there and noticed that it is almost a sheer wall of rock now. Considerable work and multiple individuals are required to make any real progress and get to some of the softer rock where the red beryls are located. The area is also a lot more dangerous than before with some large hanging rocks in places undercut by holes and diggings along with tight and deep seams. There was a rather recent death in this area due to this. I did find a few of the vents, but they are very tough and tight to get to.

The increased work, thoroughness, and the little progress that can now be made appears to have made it much more difficult to find red beryl. Typically, you can find several of them in the tailings below the main zones. All you had to do is break up the softer rock and have a good eye. Previously it was rather easy to find 10-20 red beryls without a lot of effort, but this no longer seems to be the case. I only found a few like this in that area and my kids and wife only found one. I found the others directly in the main area by breaking some rocks that hadn't yet been looked at. Overall, I was only able to find 6-7 total in about 5-6 hours, which is much less than any other time I've been out there. However, I also rarely screen for the loose crystals anymore which is a good way to find more.

The surrounding area has also been more developed. Searle Canyon (western side of Thomas Range behind the cove) is now operating as a rather inexpensive fee dig area for larger red beryls. Rather cheap, but it requires some hard work. There are now 4 pits there with pit 3 being the most productive and pit 4 having the largest beryls. I've been there twice

and have found several red beryls with multiple bixbyites on them, a red beryl attached to a topaz and to a garnet pseudomorph, a red beryl with 8+ more beryl crystals coming out of it, and even a red beryl with a holfertite crystal coming out of it (see Mindat). The same group is also operating the Solar Wind claim on the north side of the range. I have been fortunate to find some very large and well formed bixbyite with topaz there (with permission).

The Maynard Claim area, previously operated by Collector's Edge, is in the process of being redeveloped for specimens. A group has an investor and is in the process of starting up. The topaz from here is world famous and hasn't been seen since the 80s.

The famous Violet Claims in the Wah Wah Mountains are still in a state of flux after Rex Harris' death. Additionally, the main operator of the other red beryl mine above this has passed. Both deposits are apparently still for sale although the price I was told was astronomical and well above what I think could be made profitable. Some of the normal players are interested but also seem to have the same view. A considerable amount of development would need to be done in this very remote area. Also, last year, Tina, the owner, was held up in her house and all the red beryls in the house (Harris' house) were stolen. Most were recovered by a friend of mine in Salt Lake when the perpetrators tried to sell him some. We would love this to become a fee dig site, which I think could be a money maker, but so far no takers.

If you are ever up here and want a trip to this area or others (Tintic, Gold Hill, etc.), feel free to contact me. Thanks.

Andrew Turner  
President, Mineral Collectors of Utah

Posted by: Andrew Turner <turnea55@hotmail.com>

## **THE CARMEL VALLEY PROSPECTOR , 2019**

**NEWSLETTER OF THE CARMEL VALLEY GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.**

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| <b>LIBRARIAN</b>          | OPEN                           |
| <b>WEBMASTER</b>          | OPEN                           |



# CLUB INFORMATION:

**ANNUAL DUES:** Adults (21 & over) \$15, Couples \$20, Juniors (high school) \$1, and Pebble Pups (grade school or younger)- Free

**INITIATION FEE:** \$10 plus \$5 each additional family member (includes “stinkin’ name badges!”)

**MEMBER OF:** California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS & AFMS)

**CLUB MINERAL:** Gold **CLUB COLORS:** Green & Gold **CLUB GEMSTONE:** Botryoidal Jade

**SOCIETY PURPOSE:** The Carmel Valley Gem and Mineral Society is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the study of mineralogy and geology, to encourage the collecting of specimens and the practice of the lapidary arts, to promote responsible field excursions to mineral locations, and to further the education of all. **And remember, please...Tread Lightly!**

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Rich Saylor, editor & publisher. Contributions, which are ALWAYS welcome, & (nice!) comments may be sent to [saylor@redshift.com](mailto:saylor@redshift.com)

**Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society** general monthly meetings: **2nd** Friday, 7:00 PM; guests & visitors are welcome. Board meetings are held at 6:00 PM, before the General Meeting. Members are welcome to attend.

## **SUPPORT OUR LOCAL CLUBS:**

**(PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS INFORMATION IS INCORRECT!)**

**The Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society** meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, at 7:00pm, Live Oak Grange Hall, 1900 17<sup>th</sup> Ave., Santa Cruz. Their website is [on facebook, @SCMGS.ORG/](#) for club info & their newsletter, The Lapidarian. The next show will be on April 27 & 28, at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium

**The Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club** meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, 7 PM, at the North Minster Presbyterian Church, 315 East Alvin Drive, Salinas. Guests & visitors welcome. For club information & their newsletter, the club website is [www.salinastrockandgem.com](http://www.salinastrockandgem.com). Also contact Karin Salomon, 375-5233. Guests and visitors are welcome. **Annual SVR&G Show: March 9-10, 2019, Veterans Hall, Spreckels.** (2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in March). Modest admission charge, FREE parking.

## **2019 CVGMS Monthly calendar (MONTHLY MEETING DATES):**

**PLEASE NOTE, ALL DATES TO BE CONFIRMED, especially June (auction) and December (Christmas Dinner).**

**January:** Friday the 11<sup>th</sup>

**February:** Friday the 8<sup>th</sup>.

**March:** Friday the 8<sup>th</sup>. **The Spreckels show is March 9 & 10**

**April:** Friday the 12<sup>th</sup>

**May:** Friday the 10<sup>th</sup>

**June:** TBA- **Annual picnic & Rockhounding Auction- Whispering Pines Park, Monterey**

**July:** Friday the 12<sup>th</sup>

**August:** Friday the 9<sup>th</sup>

**Sept.:** Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> (General Meeting) **60<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CVGMS GEM SHOW, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, 21- 22 SEPTEMBER**

**October:** Friday the 11<sup>th</sup>

**November:** Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> - **THE ANNUAL CVGMS AUCTION!**

**December:** TBA- **THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER & INSTALLATION OF 2020 OFFICERS**

## **California Rock & Mineral Shows**

California's Natural Treasures, 2019 CFMS Annual Show - 03/08/2019

Start Date: 03/08/2019 End Date: 03/10/2019 Contact: Marcia Goetz Venue: Fairplex, Building 6 Address: 1101 W McKinley Ave Fairplex, Building 6 Pomona, CA 91768

**Salinas Valley Gem & Mineral Club-** 03/09/2019

Start Date: 03/09/2019 End Date: 03/10/2019 Venue: Spreckels Veterans Memorial Hall, 5<sup>th</sup> and Llano Street, Spreckels, CA Admission: \$2.00, under 12 free

10-5 Sat. & Sunday

**Turlock Rock Gem Show** - 03/09/2019

Start Date: 03/09/2019 End Date: 03/10/2019 Contact: Terry McMillin

Venue: Stanislaus County Fairgrounds Address: 900 N. Broadway

Stanislaus County Fairgrounds Turlock, CA 95280

**Santa Clara Gem & Mineral Society Show** - 03/16/2019

Start Date: 03/16/2019 End Date: 03/17/2019 Contact: Sonia Dyer

Contact Phone: (408)-629-5735 Venue: Santa Clara County Fairgrounds

Address: 344 Tully Rd. Santa Clara County Fairgrounds San Jose, CA

Website: <http://www.scvgms.org/>

**Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society** - 03/23/2019

Start Date: 03/23/2019 End Date: 03/24/2019 Contact: Anna Christiansen

Venue: Calaveras County Fairgrounds Address: 101 Frogtown Rd

Calaveras County Fairgrounds Angels Camp, CA 95222

Website: <http://www.calaverasgemandmineral.org/>

**Roseville Gem, Jewelry and Mineral Show** - 03/23/2019

Start Date: 03/23/2019 End Date: 03/24/2019 Contact: James Hutchings

Contact Phone: 9169957380 Venue: Placer County Fairgrounds

Address: 800 All America Blvd. Placer County Fairgrounds ROSEVILLE, CA 95678

**Vista Gem & Mineral Society's Spring Show - 04/05/2019**

Start Date: 04/05/2019 End Date: 04/07/2019 Contact: Kurt Kluey  
Contact Phone: 760-917-5781 Venue: Antique Gas & Steam Engine museum  
Address: 2040 N. Santa Fe Ave. Antique Gas & Steam Engine museum  
Vista, CA 92083 Website: <http://www.vistarocks.org/home.html>

**Mariposa Gem and Mineral Show - 04/13/2019**

Start Date: 04/13/2019 End Date: 04/14/2019  
Contact: Meredith Meehan Venue: Mariposa County Fairgrounds  
Address: 5005 Fairgrounds Road Mariposa County Fairgrounds Mariposa, CA 95338

**Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Society - 04/27/2019**

Start Date: 04/27/2019 End Date: 04/28/2019 Hours: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Contact: Marcia Betz Contact Phone: 661-406-9433 Venue: Antelope Valley Fairgrounds  
Address: 2551 West Avenue H (Hwy. 14 & Ave. H)  
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds Lancaster, CA 93536 Website:  
<http://www.avgem.weebly.com/>

**West Coast Gem & Mineral Show - 05/10/2019**

Start Date: 05/10/2019 End Date: 05/12/2019 Venue: Hilton Orange Co.  
Address: 3050 Bristol St. Hilton Orange Co. Costa Mesa, CA 92626  
Website: <https://www.mzexpos.com/>

**San Diego County Fair - gems & mineral exhibits - 05/31/2019**

Start Date: 05/31/2019 End Date: 07/04/2019 Contact: Annie Schafer  
Contact Phone: 858 586 1637 Venue: San Diego Co. Fair  
Address: 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd. San Diego Co. Fair Del Mar, CA 92014  
Website: <http://www.sdmg.org/peg-online/sdmg-pegmatite-2019-mar.pdf>

**Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society - 11/02/2019**

Start Date: 11/02/2019 End Date: 11/03/2019 Hours: 10am - 5pm  
Contact: Mike Hopkins Contact Phone: (925) 570 4179 Venue: Centre Concord  
Address: 5298 Clayton Road Centre Concord Concord, CA 94521  
Website: <https://contracostamineralandgemsociety.org/>