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The Carmel Valley **PROSPECTOR!**

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For the April program, we will be making Gem Trees!
(Please see page 4)

The club will provide all the necessary materials.
Please bring a pair of needle-nose pliers, if you have any.

Elected Officers & Board of Directors- 2017

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SHOW	Board of Directors	
PROGRAM	Board of Directors	
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PUBLICITY	Janis Rovetti	372-1311
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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!**

CLUB NEWSLETTER: Permission is given to *quote* any item in *The Prospector* *provided* proper credit is given. Please contact the editor for permission to reprint original articles in their entirety, which are to be considered as being copyrighted.

Rich Saylor, editor & publisher. Contributions, which are ALWAYS welcome, & (nice!) comments may be sent to 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:

The Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, at 7:00pm, Live Oak Grange Hall, 1900 17th Ave., Santa Cruz. Their website is www.SCGMS.org for club info & their newsletter, The Lapidarian.

The Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club meets on the 3rd 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.salinasrockandgem.com. Also contact Karin Salomon, 375-5233. Guests and visitors are welcome. **Annual SVR&G Show:** March 11-12, 2017, Veterans Hall, Spreckels. (2nd weekend in March). Modest admission charge, FREE parking.

2017 CVGMS Monthly calendar (MONTHLY MEETING DATES): PLEASE NOTE, ALL DATES TO BE CONFIRMED, especially June (auction) and December (Christmas Dinner).

January: Friday the 13th

February: Friday the 10th.

March: Friday the 10th. The **Newark** show will be on Mar. 3~5. **See page 9. Carpooling is suggested. The Spreckels show is March 11 & 12; see page 10.**

April: Friday the 14th

May: Friday the 12th

June: Sunday, June 9 (to be confirmed). **Annual picnic & White Elephant Sale- Whispering Pines Park, Monterey**

July: Friday the 14th

August: Friday the 11th

Sept.: Friday the 8th (General Meeting) **57th ANNUAL CVGMS GEM SHOW, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, 23- 24 SEPTEMBER**

October: Friday the 13th

November: Friday the 10th - **THE ANNUAL CVGMS AUCTION!**

December: Sunday the 3rd (?- TBA) **THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER & INSTALLATION OF 2018 OFFICERS**

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Message from the President

Hi CVGMS members,

Thank you to all who shared their treasures with us at our March meeting. I love seeing so many specimens and would love to see more of the carvings and lapidary/jewelry pieces from our talented members! A future program?

I'm really looking forward to the April program, making gem trees. Thank you to Mike and the Biewers for making the gem trees possible. The Biewers picked up the materials in Tucson and Barb assembled individual tree kit bags for each of us. What great club members we have!!

I would like to thank Diedre Hamilton Fitzsimmons for bringing the refreshments to our April meeting.

I look forward to seeing you all Friday, April 21, 7 pm, at the PG Natural History Museum.

Susie Harlow, President, CVGMS

CVGMS BOARD MEETING: March 10, 2017

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by President, Susie Harlow.

Present: Susie Harlow, Barb & Matt Biewer, Talma Taormina, Jay House, Mike Cole, Sally Eastham, Jill Kahlow, and Janis Rovetti.

Correspondence: Matt received a flyer for a gem show the "Jackpot of Gems" that is being put on by the Reno Gem & Mineral Society and will be May 6 & 7, 2017.

Membership: Jay reports 3 new members, Mark, Amy, and Vi Ziebell. Welcome to the Ziebells! We are so very glad you joined our club.

Treasurer's Report: Jill gave the treasurer's report. It was M/S/P to pay the current bills. Jill gave us all a P&L year-to-date statement.

Federation: Karin was not here tonight but I will include information that the Ventura Gem & Mineral Society is hosting the CFMS/AFMS Show that takes place from June 9-11, 2017 in Ventura.

Scholarship: Talma did a school presentation at Forest Grove 3rd grade classroom last week on "Earth Oven" and will be doing "Fossils & Dinos" this week, and both of these presentations at the same time the following week.

Sunshine: Talma reported to the board that Adrienne had a small stroke and was at CHOMP. Our club sent Adrienne both a get well card and a Gem Book.

Old Business: The fluorescent display is now set up upstairs at the PG Museum. Rich Saylor asked the Board about reaching out to the Salinas Club to try to generate more material, pictures, stories, etc. for our Prospector. It sounds like a great idea!

New Business: We discussed possible program ideas starting in July. April will be a hands on activity making gem trees! And then the Biewer workshop will be the weekend right after the April 21 general meeting. It will be both Saturday and Sunday.

March Program: The annual Quartzsite & Tucson Members Show and Tell.

April Program: We will be making our own gem trees, courtesy of Barb Biewer!

May Program: Talma and/or Susie will give a talk about the Earth Oven presentations.

June Picnic: The BBQ picnic will be June 4, 2017 at Whispering Pines Park.

The meeting was adjourned. The next board and general meeting is April 21, 2017.

Janis Rovetti, Recording Secretary

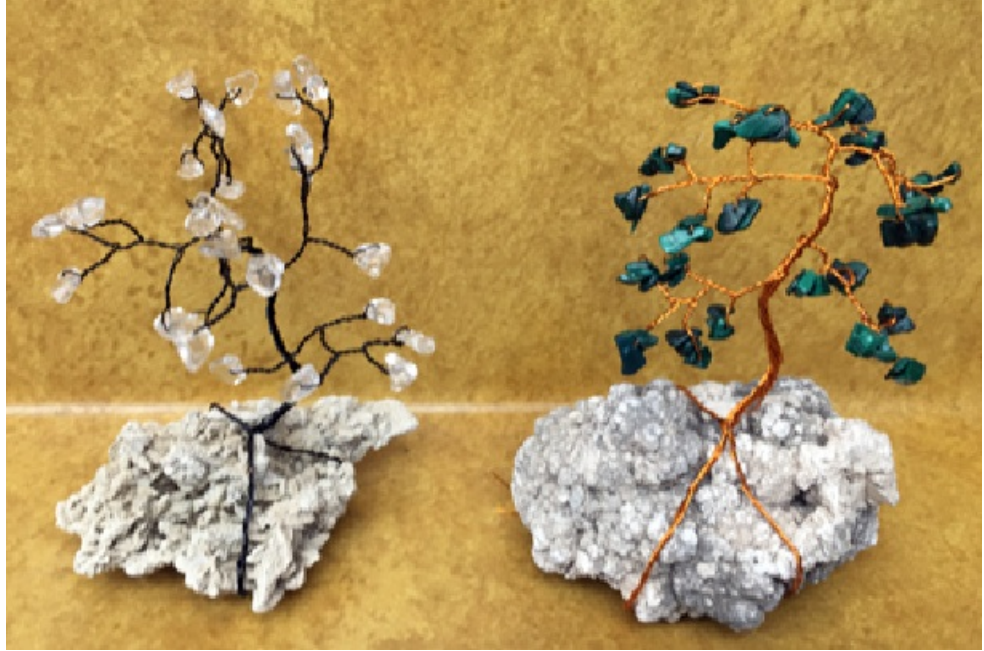
Coming up in April, so plan ahead...from Matt Biewer:

The April program (April 21) will be a hands on program where each member can make a gem tree. The club will provide the materials; gem stone beads, wire and rock bases and there will be instructions on how to do it. See the photo for some examples done by Barb. Don't miss out on this exciting project; it is surprisingly easy to do. Needlenose pliers will help in twisting the wires. If you have one bring it, there will be some tools available.

If you don't finish the gem tree project or cannot make the meeting there will be gem tree making at the workshop if kits are still available.

Also coming up:

April is the month for a club workshop at the Biewer's home in Carmel Valley. Reserve the Saturday (April 22) and the Sunday (April 23) after the April 21 meeting for a workshop. Arrive at 10:00 am, or as you like and stay as long as you like. Come either day or both days. At the workshop there are saws, grinders and polishers where club members and their guests can cut and polish rocks. There are plenty of free rocks or slabs to be cut from the club rock pile or bring your own rock you collected. Come to learn, come to teach, come to finish a project or to make something, or just come to watch and visit.



Barb will be having a carving workshop in the dining room for those who have carving machines. Get directions to the workshop at the April 21st meeting.

Please remember to bring your own lunch!

And from Sky Paxton...

I've been bitten by a casting bug. Now I spend my time making wax models to turn into silver. I've been casting with stones in place or carving seats for stones that I set after they are out. (*Send us some photos, Sky!!!- Ed.*)

Sky
831 262-8044

AND...

Hello,

I am a member of the Spring River Gem & Mineral Club in Cherokee Village, Ar. We are, so far, the largest contingent of rock hounds in the state.

We hope that your club or someone in your club is interested in rock swapping and will do so with us.

Should you pass this information on to other "rockers", not in your club, who may be interested, it would be most appreciated.

We swap varying sizes of mineral/fossil specimens that were collected on club field trip digs, and

individual club member's field trip digs.

Each specimen is individually wrapped and identified. Each box should be a minimum of 10#. You can ship 10# in a medium size, flat rate, USPS box for approximately \$12.00. We try to have the rocks shipped on the same day so we receive them accordingly.

We have been doing this for some time and have received unbelievable amounts and kinds of rocks from all over the country. Gemmers have commended us on our selections. I am sure you will like these "gems".

Should you decided to exchange rocks with us, it will be like Christmas all over and the only time the rocks come to us instead of us going to the rocks.

Anxiously awaiting your reply, I remain,

Patricia A. Kimball-SRGMC
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870-847-3771

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Hi Rich-

At our April 10th meeting we had 19 members sign in. There were 3 guests that signed in, Julie Martinez and Jon Kramer, who both signed up to become members, and Kris Green from Peninsula Gem & Jewelry, who was the third guest.

Julie and Jon are from Minnesota, and plan on moving to the Peninsula in a couple of months.

Jay House, Membership Chairman

STUFF FOR SALE...

I'll be selling a collection of rocks and equipment, plus other household items at my house, 32945 Bryant Cyn Rd, Soledad, this coming May 29. Included in the sale is a 24 inch rock saw. Thank you- Karen Jones (831) 678-0337; cell (831) 206-2937

PEBBLE PUPS & Jr. Rockhounds...

Pebble Pups and Jr. Rock Hounds, I hope to see you and your family this coming Friday. This Friday will be a demonstration/activity on Gem Tree making; members can learn to make their own at the meeting- materials will be provided!

-Talma

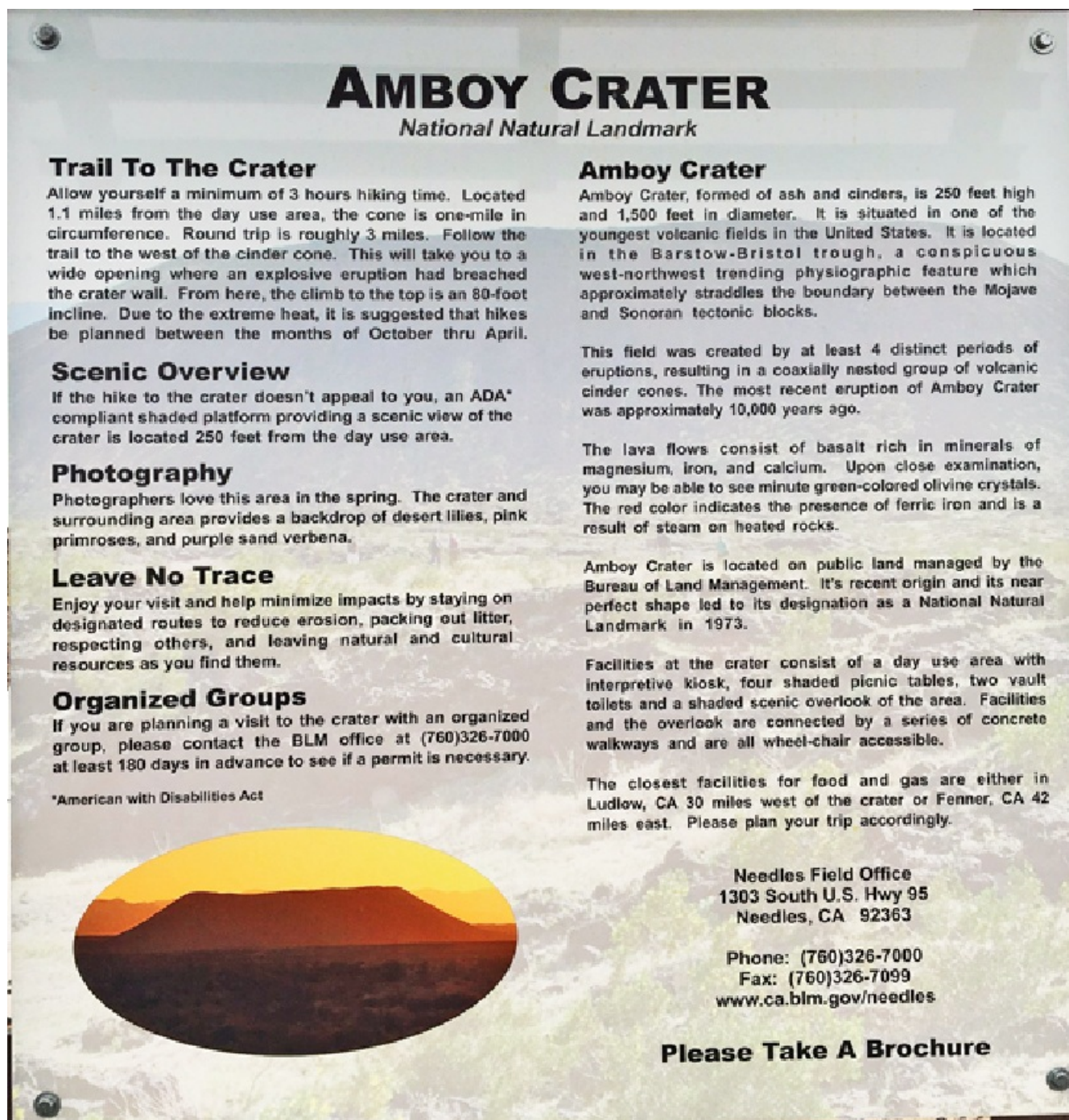
FROM THE EDITOR...

The highlight of the month (for me, anyway!) was the Spreckels show, put on by our "sister club", the Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club ... some really nice stuff, nice weather, nice people... I wish I'd taken more photos of the show but I hope the following article on the show gives at least a fair idea of some of the highlights! And for those who couldn't make it, you missed a good one! *Thanks, everyone!* And don't forget to come this Friday, 21 April for a really nice evening of making Gem Trees!

TRIPS

Karin Salomon writes...

When returning from Tucson at Holiday time, there had been a huge rain the day before and I wound up staying in Needles, close to the California-Arizona border...going home the next day, getting off the interstate was a good diversion and there was an amazing amount of traffic on Rt. 66, so about halfway between Needles and Barstow there's a very visible local attraction, the Amboy Crater, (an extinct volcanic cinder cone) designated as a National Natural Landmark. I'd never taken 66 off I-40 that far east, so I drove to the crater site– but there were too many puddles or what amounted to mini lakes, and the longish hike to & from the crater from the parking lot can take 2 to 3 hours, so I never really made it to the crater. Anyway, here's a photo of the placard about the crater posted in the parking lot. I'd like to stop there on a return visit; maybe next time, assuming less puddles! After that, I stopped along Lavic/Ludlow and found a bit of yard rock. Then home!



AMBOY CRATER

National Natural Landmark

Trail To The Crater

Allow yourself a minimum of 3 hours hiking time. Located 1.1 miles from the day use area, the cone is one-mile in circumference. Round trip is roughly 3 miles. Follow the trail to the west of the cinder cone. This will take you to a wide opening where an explosive eruption had breached the crater wall. From here, the climb to the top is an 80-foot incline. Due to the extreme heat, it is suggested that hikes be planned between the months of October thru April.

Scenic Overview

If the hike to the crater doesn't appeal to you, an ADA* compliant shaded platform providing a scenic view of the crater is located 250 feet from the day use area.

Photography

Photographers love this area in the spring. The crater and surrounding area provides a backdrop of desert lilies, pink primroses, and purple sand verbena.

Leave No Trace

Enjoy your visit and help minimize impacts by staying on designated routes to reduce erosion, packing out litter, respecting others, and leaving natural and cultural resources as you find them.

Organized Groups

If you are planning a visit to the crater with an organized group, please contact the BLM office at (760)326-7000 at least 180 days in advance to see if a permit is necessary.

*American with Disabilities Act

Amboy Crater

Amboy Crater, formed of ash and cinders, is 250 feet high and 1,500 feet in diameter. It is situated in one of the youngest volcanic fields in the United States. It is located in the Barstow-Bristol trough, a conspicuous west-northwest trending physiographic feature which approximately straddles the boundary between the Mojave and Sonoran tectonic blocks.

This field was created by at least 4 distinct periods of eruptions, resulting in a coaxially nested group of volcanic cinder cones. The most recent eruption of Amboy Crater was approximately 10,000 years ago.

The lava flows consist of basalt rich in minerals of magnesium, iron, and calcium. Upon close examination, you may be able to see minute green-colored olivine crystals. The red color indicates the presence of ferric iron and is a result of steam on heated rocks.

Amboy Crater is located on public land managed by the Bureau of Land Management. It's recent origin and its near perfect shape led to its designation as a National Natural Landmark in 1973.

Facilities at the crater consist of a day use area with interpretive kiosk, four shaded picnic tables, two vault toilets and a shaded scenic overlook of the area. Facilities and the overlook are connected by a series of concrete walkways and are all wheel-chair accessible.

The closest facilities for food and gas are either in Ludlow, CA 30 miles west of the crater or Fenner, CA 42 miles east. Please plan your trip accordingly.

Needles Field Office
1303 South U.S. Hwy 95
Needles, CA 92363

Phone: (760)326-7000
Fax: (760)326-7099
www.ca.blm.gov/needles

Please Take A Brochure

THE 2017 SPRECKELS SHOW *by Rich Saylor*

For this year, the weather in Spreckels was really nice, and the turnout followed the weather!

Besides the very nice club displays and of course the usual bevy of dealers and really nice stuff to buy, the show featured quite an assortment of demonstrations put on by club volunteers... from

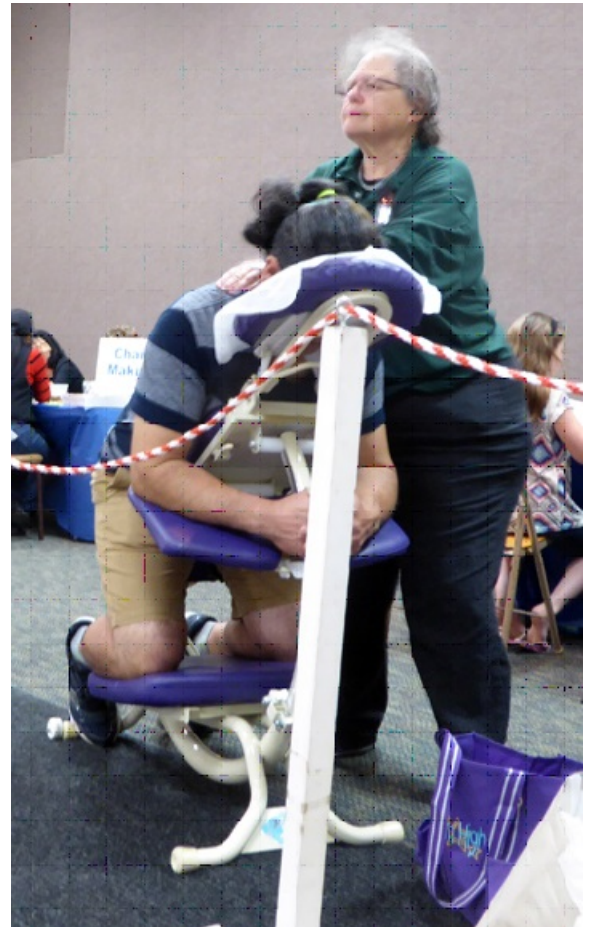
“bead bugs” by Karen Jones, to Karen Salomon demonstrating “chain maille bracelet” making (no photo of Karen S., sorry!) ... a nice “touch” was Maggie McGuire giving “stone massage”... Gary Beck held forth on the Genie machines giving demos of making cabochons... meanwhile, Jim McCoun kept the spinning Wheel of Fortune going, with Martha Saylor doing “rock bags”... while right next door was Jim Martinez (a member of both clubs, like Karen Salomon) doing the (not so) Silent Auction; some real bargains, there! So, lots to not only enjoy seeing (and buying!) but participating in, as well! Some of our own Carmel Valley



Some really nice examples of carved Monterey jade...



Nice things to buy!



Maggie McGuire giving a “stone massage”...

club members helped out, too... Matt & Barb Biewer, Susie Harlow, Sally Eastham... CV club members who also visited the show included Mike Cole, Sky Paxton and the Bubbenmoyers.



Karen Jones & helpers doing "bead bugs"



A very unusual amethyst sphere



Jim McCoun & Martha spinning the "Wheel of Fortune" & doing "rock bags"



Gary Beck on the *teeny Genie* doing cabochons

And lastly, as the show was closing, I couldn't resist buying this stunning amethyst sphere (shown about full size) for Martha's birthday... *Great show, guys! Count on us again, next year!!!*

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL ROCK SHOPS...

PENINSULA GEM & JEWELRY: Gem & Jewelry Supplies, custom jewelry designs.

Open Tuesday thru Saturday; closed Sunday & Monday. 2245 N. Fremont St., Monterey

WEBSITE: www.peninsulagemandjewelry.com (831) 375-3027

ROCK & BEAD BAZAR: Gallery & studio, custom jewelry designs, custom beadwork.

Open Monday thru Saturday, closed Sunday. 26384-86 Rancho Lane, near The Barnyard; close to the "Yellow Brick Road" thrift shop. WEBSITE: www.rockandbeadbazar.com (831) 620-1299

SHOWS & EVENTS OF INTEREST:

PLEASE VERIFY ALL SHOW INFORMATION BEFORE ATTENDING!

This month, **only Calif. and a few nearby events are listed.** For more information about each show & out-of-state listings, please go to: rockngem.com or cfmsinc.org
PLEASE NOTE THAT COMMERCIAL (non-club) SHOWS aren't generally listed, but can be found at above websites.

PLEASE NOTE: MOST SHOWS HAVE DISPLAYS, DEALERS, DEMOS, KID'S STUFF, RAFFLES, SNACK BARS & SO FORTH, SO THEY'VE BEEN DELETED FROM THE ADS (EXCEPT FOR OUR SHOW!) TO SAVE SPACE IN THE PROSPECTOR. CALL THE CHAIRPERSONS FOR EXACT DETAILS! ONLY UNUSUAL OFFERINGS (FIELD TRIPS, ETC.) HAVE BEEN KEPT IN THE ADS.

April 2017

22-23—NEWBURY PARK, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Conejo Gem & Mineral Club, Borchard Park Community Center; 190 Reino Rd at Borchard Rd; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Free Admission; contact Robert Sankovich, (805)-494-7734; e-mail: rmsorca@roadrunner.com; Web site: www.cgamc.org

26-28—CLOVERDALE, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Karmic Beads and Gems, Cloverdale History Center; 215 North Cloverdale Blvd.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Free Admission; Karmic Beads and Gems is proud to be your host for the Spring Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show at the Cloverdale History Center. Treasures from around the world include; Native American and contemporary jewelry, crystals, metaphysical items, jade, turquoise, bismuth, ammolite, opal, rubies, beads, singing bowls, "Old Stock" rough and finished rock and more. Free identification of rock and jewelry items. Fun for the whole family, where you can find treasures from \$1 up to \$\$\$; contact Charlie Macias, (619)-920-0464; e-mail: karmicbeadsandgems@yahoo.com

28-30—PORTLAND, OREGON: Annual show; Mt Hood Rock Club, Jackson Armory; 6255 NE Cornfoot Road; Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Admission: free - donations appreciated; One free rock to each child. contact Wayne King, (503)-284-7195; e-mail: mhrcdc@gmail.com; Web site: www.mthoodrockclub.com

29-30—LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Antelope Valley Gem and Mineral Club, Lancaster High School; 44701 32nd St W; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Free Admission; contact CJ Quitoriano, Lancaster, CA, (661)-209-9092; e-mail: cjq_62@yahoo.com

May 2017

5-7—YUCAIPA, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Yucaipa, CA; Yucaipa Blvd and Adams St; Fri. 6-10, Sat. 12-10, Sun. 12-6; Free Admission; contact Lee Peterson, (909) 794-0731; e-mail: grandpasgems@gmail.com; Web site: yvgms.org

6-7—ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Searchers Gem & Mineral Society, Brookhurst Community Center; 2271 W. Crescent Ave; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4:30; Free Admission; contact Debra Tanner (714) 329-0290; e-mail: Debra.Tanner@rockwellcollins.com

20-21—SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Pacific Crystal Guild, Fort Mason Center; 2 Marina Blvd.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$12; This is the year of the 30th Anniversary of the San Francisco Crystal Fair. Minerals, gems, beads, jewelry -an amazing array of merchandise, plus for your delight and entertainment, you can meet up with healers, psychics, aura readers, and get a good massage. Contact Jerry Tomlinson, (415) 383-7837; e-mail: jerry@crystalfair.com; Web site: www.crystalfair.com **NOTE: THIS IS A COMMERCIAL SHOW, NOT A CLUB SHOW. -Ed.**

June 2017

2-4—BIG BEAR LAKE, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Minerals in the Mountains, Big Bear Lake Convention; 42900 Big Bear Blvd.; Fri., Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; Admission \$7, Seniors/Students/Children free; "Minerals in the Mountains" is the first Mineral show at Big Bear Lake for 20 years. This is an opportunity to attend a mineral show in the surroundings of beautiful Big Bear Lake in Southern California. Contact Janet Roberts, (909) 547-0010; e-mail: janet@gemsofthewest.co; Web site: gemsofthewest.co

2-4—LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; North Orange County Gem and Mineral, La Habra Senior Center ; 101 W La Habra Blvd; Fri. 5-8, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Free Admission ; Exhibits, raffle prizes. Unique gems/rocks/jewelry, supplies & tools. Geode cutting. Food and grab bags. Supporting the Youth Committee and Scholarship Program.; contact Armando Pedroza , (909)-455-6800; e-mail: foresrandsun@yahoo.com

3-4—GLENDDORA, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Glendora GEMS, Goddard Middle School; 859 E. Sierra Madre; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Free Admission; contact Bonnie Bidwell, (626) 963-4638; e-mail: ybidwell2@aol.com

3-4—ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Palomar Gem & Mineral Club, California Center for the Arts, Escondido; 340 N. Escondido Blvd; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Adm. \$5; cont. Dawn Vickers; e-mail: 2017pgmcshow@palomargem.org; Web site: <http://palomargem.org/Documents/GemShow2017.pdf>

9-11—VENTURA, CALIFORNIA: Show; Ventura Gem & Mineral Society (AFMS show), Ventura County Fairgrounds; 10 W. Harbor Blvd.; Fri. 10-5; Adults \$7, Seniors \$6, Students \$4 (age 13-17), Children under 12 free The entire nation of "rockhounds" will converge on Ventura for this special nationwide event; contact Diane Cook, (805)312-8467; e-mail: info@VGMS.org; Web site: www.vgms.org

July 2017

8-9—CULVER CITY , CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Culver City Rock and Mineral Club, Veterans Memorial Auditorium; 4117 Overland Ave.; Sat. 10-6; Free Admission; Our Fiesta of Gems Show offers over 35 gem and mineral dealers from California, New Mexico, and Arizona who will sell minerals, gems, slabs, cabochons, beads, and jewelry findings. The Culver City Rock and Mineral Club members will exhibit gem and mineral works of art, jewelry pieces, and private collections of gems and minerals. There will be classes throughout the weekend introducing various techniques of jewelry making.; contact Janice Metz, 4117 Overland Blvd., Culver City, CA 90230, (310)-850-4398; e-mail: janicemtz@yahoo.com; Web site: [//www.culvercityrocks.org/fiesta.htm](http://www.culvercityrocks.org/fiesta.htm)

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