

The Carmel Valley
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Message from the President

Hi Everyone, and a Happy New Year!

We had a wonderful Christmas Dinner and thank you to everyone who set up, cooked, provided music, gifts and contributed to making it such a great success!

I would personally like to thank, with a very grateful heart, the 2010 Board of Directors (listed in the back of the Prospector, December issue), as well as the incoming 2011 Board, for their dedication and hard work on behalf of the club because this club could not exist without them.....they really keep the ball, or should I say "sphere", rolling! I would like to welcome the newest board members: Federation Director - Karin Salomon, Webmaster: Betty & Liam Cunningham, Librarian: Richard Franco & family, Sunshine: Nicole Levere & Olivia Moses. And I would also like to thank those that provided presentations and refreshments for us at our monthly meetings! We are lining up another year of interesting programs for you.

We have a thriving Pebble Pup and Jr. Rockhound program...thank you, Talma.

We have more workshops at the Biewers...thank you, Matt and Barb.

We have field trips...thank you, Jay...and we encourage suggestions for day trips from you all!

We had a great show in September...we had some great "first-timer" cases this last year!

Thank you all for making this an active, vibrant club because your participation and enthusiasm is what keeps us all going!

Our January program will be Dino Eggs and Babies by Talma, so she will be doing double duty with the kids' program as well!

I will be a Guest Exhibitor (my Benitoite case) at the Tucson main exhibition show this year. The theme is "Minerals of California". It will be in the Convention Center Feb. 10 thru 13. If you are going to be there, please stop by and say "Hi"!

I'm looking forward to a great year!

See you at our next meeting, Friday, Jan. 14 at 7:00 PM !

Susie Harlow, President, CVGMS

PEBBLE PUP ACTIVITY UPDATE-

Hey Pebble Pups and Jr. Rock Hounds!

When we meet this month (January 14), we'll have a presentation on Dinosaur Eggs and Babies.

Remember to bring your completed Crossword Puzzle on Dinosaurs, so you can get your FREE Drawing Table ticket.

Talma Taormina, *Scholarship Chairwoman*

MEMBERSHIP NOTES...

Reminder: 2011 dues were due as of Nov 1st. Dues are \$15.00 for an individual and are \$20.00 for a couple, kids are free until High School age then they are \$1.00.

Remember that *special drawings* are only for "paid up"members, who must *also be present* to win!

New members that have joined after June are paid up for 2011.

Dues may be paid at the Christmas dinner (please have correct change). Also, dues may be paid by mail with **checks made out to "CVGMS"** and mailed to Jay House, 22606 Gallant Fox Rd., Monterey, CA 93940.

Jay House, Membership Chairman

FROM THE EDITOR...CHANGES COMING!

This year will most likely be a year of change for the club...The Prospector will (hopefully!) be going online soon... the acquisition of new computer equipment and programs will enable the publishing of our newsletter online for the first time, hopefully by February...what this means is that The Prospector will no longer be

limited to the usual 5 page (including cover pages) maximum, at least in the online version. At this time, a number of other clubs have begun publishing online-only versions of their newsletters, so I guess that means if you don't have computer or email capability you're out of luck...? As for our club, there'll be a learning curve, as always, so it'll take a while for the new style of publishing to settle in for *everyone* to be a happy camper, including myself! Of course the capability of publishing a virtually unlimited length newsletter also means that we'll be able to publish fuller articles, and more of them, BUT this means more submittals!

Just for the record, I'll soon be getting the latest version of WordPerfect, WP15, which will permit publishing in PDF format (my current WP8 does not!) So kindly remember to send in- if possible- PDF format for text, etc. and for photos, JPEG, if you can. Formats other than PDF are OK but some require a lot of editing; so if your word processor supports saving in PDF...the maximum size of JPEG photos for WP15 is 1 MB, so if I get anything larger it'll have to be whittled down in Photoshop (by me) so save me some time, if you can. Also anything much less than 200KB is getting fairly low-resolution, so try to not make photo resolution/sizes TOO small (like for instance by choosing the "email version" of photos which is a pretty nasty reduction of quality!) And if this sounds a bit too complicated just ask if you would like to contribute by email but aren't sure how! **SUBMITTALS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME, EVEN ON THE BACK OF AN ENVELOPE, IF THAT'S WHATCHA GOT!!!**

As I don't actually have the new software yet I don't know what it can handle so I'll give an update when I get it & start to use it, hopefully next week sometime (but too late for this January edition, sorry!)

The other end of the equation will be...those without online capability will have to be served in other ways...either publishing a reduced-version of the newsletter, again to keep mailing costs down (currently 44 cents per copy) or else possibly raising dues or whatever for those who wish to have a snailmail edition. I'll be polling other newsletter editors to find out how their club works out such details, but again this is just a heads-up at this point, nothing decided (or even discussed by the board) yet. Overall the point will be to serve the membership best, in whatever form that might eventually turn out to be.

*And other news...*it has been discussed, though informally, by the board to have a restructuring of the way door prizes and raffles will be held. Suggested changes include combining sign-in sheets to no longer reflect gender, but most likely simply members, guests and pebble pups. Also suggested are having fewer door prizes, but *better* ones. These (and other issues) will be discussed at the January board meeting, held one hour before the general meeting, and as always, members are welcome to attend.

Rich

QUARTZSITE & TUCSON DATES...

Quartzsite 2011 dates:

Jan 1-Feb 28 Desert Gardens -Gem & Mineral
Jan 7-Jan 16 Tyson Wells Rock & Gem Show
Jan 8-Jan 23 The Main Event
Jan 21-Jan 30 Tyson Wells Sell-A-Rama
Jan 22-Jan 30 Sports, Vacation & RV Show
Feb 2-Feb 6 Hobby Craft & Gem Show
Feb 4-Feb 13 Tyson Wells Arts & Craft Fair
Feb 5-Feb 6 Rock & Roll Car Show
Feb TBA 2011 Blue Grass Festival at Tyson Wells
Feb 26 Chili Cook-Off & State Salsa Championship

Tucson 2011 dates:

Jan 28-Feb 13 Tucson Show Place
Jan 28-Feb 13 Rapa River Gem & Mineral Show
Jan 29-Feb 11 Pueblo Gem & Min at Riverpark Inn
Jan 29-Feb 12 Arizona Mineral & Fossil Show-
Ramada, Inn Suites, Clarion & Marketplace
Jan 29-Feb 12 Mineral & Fossil Co-op
Jan 29-Feb 13 Tucson Electric Park - Kino Complex
Jan 29-Feb 13 La Quinta Group
Jan 29-Feb 13 Glob-x Days Inn
Feb 2 - Feb 7 the Whole Bead Show - Windmill Inn
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Feb 5-Feb 7 The Tucson Bead Show- Doubletree
Feb 6-Feb 9 Rio Grande Catalog in Motion
Feb 10-Feb 13 Tucson Gem & Mineral Show

Mother Lode Mineral Society's

ROCK & GEM SHOW

MARCH 12 & 13TH

Saturday 10 am-6 pm & Sunday 10 am-5 pm

Admission \$5.00 - 12 & under free

- 40+ Dealers, 100 Exhibits
- 35 Demonstrators!
- Large Children's Area
- Free Parking
- Fluorescent Tent
- Great Food



Speakers: (Check website for dates, times and additional info)

Bob Jones will talk about California Minerals.

Mike Kokinos will be talking about the benefits of 501(c)(3) non-profit status.

Larry Martin will be discussing Mammoth and other fossils found in the Madera Land Fill.

Gregg Wilkerson from BLM will speak on Land Claims.

Richard Wade will present fossils and dinosaurs for children of all ages.

Turlock Fairgrounds 900 North Broadway Turlock CA

www.turlockgemshow.com

Chairman: Bud & Terry McMillin 209-524-3494

Bakersfield, California's 10th Annual Rock and Gem Show: "RENDEZVOUS 2011"

Kern County Shrine's, 700 South P. Street, Bakersfield, Ca, Saturday & Sunday, March 19th & 20th

Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 PM, Sunday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

FREE PARKING ,FREE ADMISSION, FREE HOURLY DRAWINGS!

Demonstrations through out the show on sphere making, cabochon, making, silversmithing ,wire wrapping ,and much more. Grab Bags , Wheel Of Fortune, End of Show Raffle for great Prizes. Tickets\$1.00 each

Silent Auction, with many great pieces of material, and The General Store with many unusual gifts!

Dealers from all over the U.S. & abroad selling many unique and unusual gifts from Mother Earth.

ROCKS FOSSILS, GEMS, JEWELRY, ROUGH ROCK, DIACHRONIC GLASS, LAPIDARY EQUIPMENT, NEW

AND USED BEADS & BEADING SUPPLIES. Dry Camp Available for club and visitors Indoor bathroom.

BEST OF ALL "IT'S FREE". For information about the Rendezvous or our becoming a vendor

Please call Lynne G.. Helfrich (661)323-2663 CELL (661)378-4450 or e-mail me at lewsrocks@bak.rr.com

DEALERS AND VENDORS WANTED! We have a variety of out door spaces available to meet your needs from

12`x 12` to 50`x 50` and larger. There are dry camp facilities available for clubs or visitors or if you prefer

a motel we have special rates for our show at the Howard Johnson's.

UPCOMING TRIP:

The Mineralogical Society of Southern California proudly presents the 46th Pacific Micro-Mount Conference,

January 28 to 30, 2011 at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands, CA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 3:00-6:00 PM On Site REGISTRATION, greeting friends and microscope time.

6:00-7:00 Famous POTLUCK BUFFET Dinner, 7:00-8:00 PM "WHAT'S NEW IN MINERALS" by Sugar White.

Followed by SHORT CONTRIBUTED TALKS AND MEMBER SLIDES. **SATURDAY, JANUARY 29: 8:00-9:00 AM**

DOORS OPEN, On Site REGISTRATION. Setting up scopes, filling "Give-away" and "Sales" Tables, and

greeting friends. 10:00 AM WELCOME, Introductions and Special Announcements. 10:15 AM - Paul Adams

"Mineralogy of the Brown Monster and Reward mines, Inyo County, CA". NOON LUNCH. Subway

sandwiches served at Museum (no cost). 1:30 PM VERBAL AUCTION, followed by silent auction of member

donated materials. 3:15 PM - Joe Marty "2010 A Good Year of Collecting: Colorado Plateau, Silver Coin Mine,

Goodsprings District, Hidden Treasure Mine, and More". 6:00 PM BUFFET DINNER Served at Museum.

7:00 PM CONTRIBUTED TALKS AND MEMBER SLIDES. **SUNDAY, January 30:** Field Trip, possibly to the Ord

Mountains for azurite.

DETAILS: Friday night Potluck -Please bring an hors d'oeuvre, salad, hot dish, dessert, etc. (We will have

the use of the kitchen facilities and will provide eating utensils.) Saturday lunch : Subway sandwiches (No

cost to attendees). Saturday night Buffet dinner is \$5.00 per person. Advance reservations necessary (see

registration slip). Registration Fee is \$10.00 before Conference, \$15.00 at door. Conference Guidelines:

Now is a good time and not too soon to make your advance registration for the 2010 Pacific Micromount

Conference. Registration: Please provide the names of all in your party. We like to have a name-tag

waiting for everyone. In addition to Conference registration you will need to make a reservation if you

plan to attend the delicious Saturday evening buffet dinner. Note: While we encourage swapping of

minerals during the Conference, we cannot allow participants to sell minerals inside the museum.

Nearby Motels Redlands Motor Lodge, 1151 Arizona St., Good Nite Inn, 1675 Industrial Park Ave., Redlands

(Alabama off-ramp) Redlands (Alabama off-ramp) 909-798-2432 909-793-3723 Starlight Motel, 1371 W.

Redlands Blvd., Super 8, 1160 Arizona St., Redlands Redlands (Alabama off-ramp) (Alabama or Tennessee

off-ramp) 909-335-1612 909-792-3333 Also, if you have an RV, a trailer, or van and are self-contained, you

may camp at the outer edge of the Museum parking lot. Quite a few do this, and you will not be alone.

(Use Registration form to let us know). The San Bernardino County Natural History Museum is located just

north of the 10 Freeway, at 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands, California. (Take California Street exit and

go north to Orange Tree Lane, then turn right to Museum Entrance).

REGISTRATION FORM (condensed version):

PACIFIC MICRO-MOUNT CONFERENCE January 28-29, 2011 (Field Trip on Sunday, January 30)

Registration \$10.00 per person by mail, \$15.00 at the door

Total No. of people _____ Amount \$_____ Names: (please provide) _____

Are you interested in attending the Sunday field trip? Yes ___ No ___ Number of participants _____

Total Amount \$_____

Send Payment to: Robert Housley, Conference Chair, 210 S. Catalina Ave. #3, Pasadena CA 91106

Make check payable to MSSC (phone 626-449-6454)

I plan on presenting a short contributed talk (___)

The topic will be: _____ Approximate length of time _____

I can present: Friday night ___ Saturday afternoon ___ Saturday evening ___

Parking - Do you plan to park your self-contained RV, trailer or van

overnight at the Museum? Yes ___ No ___

THE BIEWERS' OCTOBER FIELD TRIP with Jay, Talma, Barb, Matt and Donna Zahn



We drove the first day to Red Rock Canyon north of Mohave where we stayed in the campground. In the morning we backtracked about five miles to Jawbone Canyon where we did the BLM visitor center. A nice stop with lots of literature, maps and displays. We drove about five miles up the canyon and decided maybe next time we would stay in Jawbone instead of Red Rock. Jawbone is free and Red Rock costs \$25. It might not be good on a weekend when all the ATVs and motorcycles are tearing up the place. We headed north up 14 to 395 and on to Lone Pine where we stopped at the Rock and Gift shop before heading to Haystack mountain for our second night. In the morning



we climbed up the east saddle of Haystack until we found the amazonite outcroppings. Hiking the huge boulders was as much work going down as it was going up. We spent the third night at the base of Haystack. In the morning we drove up the wash to the south of Haystack and checked out the limestone and epidote.

After a stop at the new visitor center south of Lone Pine we continued north on 395 and turned east on Mazourka Canyon road just before Big Pine. We camped at the turn in the road and hiked over the ridge into Vaughn Gulch looking for marine fossils. We found a ridge with crinoids, sponges and other fossils. We stayed the fourth night at Mazourka. In the morning we drove south on 395 to Manzanar Reward road where we turned east to find the Reward mine. We hiked up the south canyon where there were a number of abandoned mining structures. We hiked all the way up to the large ore shoot. We spent the fifth night at the base of the canyon. In the morning we hiked over to the north canyon where there is a large mine tunnel where four wheel vehicles drive in as much as a quarter of a mile. We did not have a flashlight so we did not go in very far. We checked out the tailings and found some pyrite but no gold.



Leaving Reward we turned left on Owenyo road going south toward Haystack. We took the road east to the Silver Spur mine on the north side of Union Wash. We parked the rigs and hiked south and east over the wash looking for ammonites. Only one sample was found. It seems we were not in the right place. Leaving Union Wash we went to the RV park south of Lone Pine for our sixth night.



Talma had to head for home but the rest of us headed east into Death Valley. We did the visitor center at Furnace Creek and then headed south to Shoshone. We stopped near Tecopa Hot springs to check out the Opal site but recent rains made it impassable for our rigs. We passed thru Tecopa and found a place near China Ranch to stop for the seventh night. In the morning we drove into the canyon to the China Ranch date farm an oasis in the desert. We drove out



back thru Tecopa and headed south to Baker for fuel and lunch. We took I-15 West past Afton Canyon to Field Road where we stopped for the day. The winds rocked us all afternoon and all night!

In the morning we passed thru Barstow and Boron and decided to just keep going to home. -Matt