

The Carmel Valley PROSPECTOR!

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any jade specimens, carvings, jewelry etc. to display.**

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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!**

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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 10-11, 2018, 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 21st (*was changed*)

June: Sunday, June 4 **Annual picnic & Rockhounding Auction- 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,

I hope you're all having a great summer! And I want to thank all who contributed to a great picnic and auction!

Our July program has had a last minute change. Colleen McGann who was going to do a program on Cinnabar fell and broke her ankle which required surgery and will be a long recovery. So now our program will be another episode of Jade City. To enhance the jade theme, I invite you all to bring any jade specimens, carvings, jewelry etc. to display.

The August program on August 11, will be given by Ed Clifton with a 'walk and talk' with him the next day at Pt. Lobos. The title of his program is 'Collapse of a Canyon: Eocene Mayhem at PT Lobos'. It's always fascinating having Ed show us on a field trip what he shared with us the night before.

Look forward to seeing you all Friday, July 14.

Susie Harlow
CVGMS President.

EMAIL...

From Susie Harlow:

I received an interesting phone call. Tobin Peregrina just bought a property on Corral de Tierra and is finding all kinds of minerals and rocks (not native) left behind in the landscape and in the house he is trying to fix up. He is having a yard sale Sat July 15 until 2pm and invited club members to come to the property after the yard sale to look at the specimens he's found or even dig around for more. He's interested in identification of many of them and the estimated value for selling. I don't know if he means we can keep any finds or would need to pay him for anything we might want.

He's a researcher working on organic fertilizer for Earthbound Farms.

This sounds interesting. Here's his phone number & email; he said to contact him with any questions:

(831) 262-8607 tobinperegrina@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP REPORT... Jay House, Membership Chairman

Hi Rich

At our annual picnic we had 29 members sign in and one guest sign in. I gave out the new 2017 Rosters to those in attendance, For the rest of you, Rosters will be available at our July meeting. As usual there were several typos. This is the end of the corrections that I know of - there are probably more - Please let me know.

(Editor: I don't generally give out member's information in The Prospector, so I'll email the corrections to all the members who have email. I'll also provide a list of corrections at the next meeting for those who don't have email. Corrections- phone, address, etc. will be for the following members: Sally Eastman, Arlene Lee, David Askew, Margi Perotti, Pat Rosburg, and Jay Spingarn.) - Jay

CAMP PARADISE

Dear CFMS Societies,

Camp Paradise is coming up soon. There is still space available, so get your registrations in as early as possible.

Week 1: August 27-Sept 2; Week 2: Sept 3-Sept 9

Below is the link to the registration form. We are looking forward to seeing you soon for another great couple of weeks at camp!

Marion Roberts, E.S.S. Chairman

<http://www.cfmsinc.org/forms10/paradise/2017CampParadiseRegistration.pdf>



SCIENCE SATURDAY

CVGMS will be sponsoring Science Saturday, at the Museum, on Aug 26, from 10:00-3:00. The topic will be Fossils. There will be a sign-up sheet at the July and August meetings. So, please check your calendars and come prepared to sign up to volunteer your time. - *Talma*

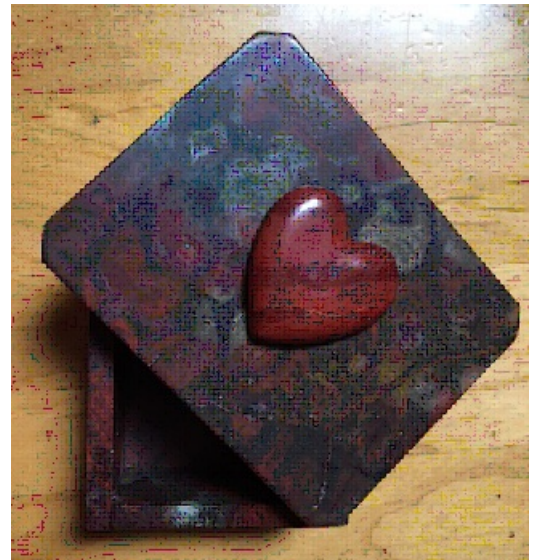
THE JUNE PICNIC

The June Picnic at Whispering Pines park in Monterey on Sunday, the 4th, was a very nice event, though some longtime members were absent for one reason or another. A bit of a change from the usual tri-tip BBQ, to sausages and burgers, with plenty of other offerings including Suzie's chili! All good, though! Beautiful weather, followed by the midyear auction...lots of rocks, and a few nice goodies thrown in, including a very nice tumbler. The total was just under \$200, all to the good!

AND FROM THE SALINAS CLUB... Hi Rich,

I'm so sorry we missed your picnic. It would have been fun. I do have some pictures of what we worked on at our workshop though. Linda finally finished her stone box; it took many workshops but it came out really nice. Tom learned how to make cabs (and that they can break in half just as you are finishing them).

Jeannie, Linda and I worked on knotting between pearls. We are going to do this at our meeting, that has been moved back a week, on June 26th. - *Teri Beck*





TRIPS & OTHER REPORTS...

Susie won!!!

Congratulations, Susie!

I won an award! My very first! At the AFMS & CFMS 2017 National Show in Ventura, I entered a competitive exhibit case in the Educational Category Novice (for first time competitors) and won 'Best of Show'! I was stunned! I had to say a few words and all I could get out was "This is for my dad!"...



And from Jim B-T...

CARMEL VALLEY'S OWN WINS NOVICE TROPHY AT NATIONAL SHOW

At the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies Annual Show & Convention, folks can enter displays into competition in one of three levels: Novice (for folks who have never competed before), Advanced (for folks who may have competed once or twice but still aren't sure they're fully up-to-par for the "big leagues"), and Masters (for folks with impressive full-fledged collections or finely honed lapidary and jewelry-making skills). If your display wins in its particular division and class at either the Advanced or Masters level, you get publicly acknowledged and recognized at the Awards Banquet and you earn a nice plaque as a trophy along with a ribbon. Not so at the Novice level!

A few years ago, Diane Cook (the current President of the Ventura Gem & Mineral Society, or VGMS) entered competition for the very first time as a Novice. Even though she was awarded a perfect score, she was subsequently disappointed when she attended the Awards Banquet, and not a single person entering at the Novice level was even mentioned. On top of that, there was no plaque—just a little ribbon that was taped onto her display case and that was stolen over the course of the show—and that the Awards committee at first refused to replace for her! Rather than get mad at the CFMS Rules Committee that administers these competitions, Diane decided to get even—in the nicest of ways. Thus, starting at last year's Federation Show, at Diane's initiative, VGMS officially sponsored and paid for a Novice Trophy to be publicly awarded at the Awards Banquet so that first-time exhibitors would not be left out of the festivities.

This year, VGMS served as host to the combined California and American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Show & Convention at the Ventura County Fairgrounds on June 9-11. Among those who entered competitive exhibits at this national show was Carmel Valley's very own Susie Harlow. As this was her first time entering competition, she entered at the Novice level with an educational display celebrating her father's fabulous benitoite discoveries from the 1930s. I'm pleased to report we were honored to see Susie step forward at the Awards Banquet to receive the VGMS Novice Trophy. Congratulations and well done, Susie!

TRIP REPORT: Matt & Barb Biewer

Barb and I went to Arkansas in May and early June. We did the zip line over the mine pit two times in the morning and two more times in the afternoon. We also did the truck tour down into the mine pit. We spent 10 days digging in the tailings and brought home a pile of quartz crystal. Much of it was broken but there were some nice clusters. We piled everything in the greenhouse and cleaned everything in an oxalic acid bath. After the crystals are trimmed to remove excess sandstone and broken pieces we will be bringing some of them to the show for the silent auction.

AND FROM JANIS...

Hi Rich,

I thought I would send you some photos I took when we went to the Angels camp show this past March. Matt and Barb, Jay, Sally, and I went up to the Ironstone Winery which is where the pictures of all of us were taken. And then I took a few of the wonderful exhibits that were there at the Angels Camp Gem Show with one being Barb's fish display. Jeff and Dorinda also joined us for the weekend so it was a great time.

-Janis





CARMEL VALLEY'S JIM BRACE-THOMPSON HONORED BY AFMS AT NATIONAL SHOW

Although Jim and Nancy Brace-Thompson left the Monterey area and moved to Ventura nearly 20 years ago, they have remained CVGMS members and continue to come and participate each year at our annual club show. Up until the move to Ventura, Jim had served several years as CVGMS President, and he was on the Show Committee when CVGMS served as host to the CFMS Show & Convention in 1998. At that convention, he was asked if he would take on the Junior Activities Chair for the California Federation. He did so, and it proved to be the first step in a long and interesting journey. Along the way, he became Juniors Program



chair for the American Federation and started a badge program for junior rockhounds—a program that he’s been administering for 14 years now, updating and publishing four editions of the Badge Manual. The program has reached well over 4,000 kids over the years. He’s also served as the elected President of the California Federation and has received such honors as the California Federation Golden Bear Award in recognition of outstanding lifetime service to CFMS, and in 2014 he was inducted into the National Rockhound & Lapidary Hall of Fame in their Education category, primarily for his work with the badge program. This year, Jim obtained a final feather in his cap when—at the CFMS-AFMS National Show & Convention in Ventura—he was awarded the AFMS Recognition Award for Outstanding Service to AFMS and to the Hobby. Apparently—when it comes to rocks as a hobby—Jim now has nothing further to live for. As of the last report, we hear he’s moving on to stamp collecting...

ROCK SWAP...

Hello,

I’m 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; kimballp.lpga@gmail.com (870) 847-3771

STUFF 4 SALE...

I have a reasonably large flat-lap machine for sale, has lots of accessories; asking \$100. *I really need the space in my garage!!!* Call me at 831 372 9215. -Rich

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. 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.

August 2017

19-20—SAN FRANCISCO, CA: Annual show; San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society, SF County Fair Building; 9th Avenue & Lincoln Way; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$10, Students/Seniors \$8, under 12 Free w/ paid adult; 63rd Annual Show, fabulous gems & minerals of the Far East. Demos by club members, activities for kids, food cart. Parking across 9th Avenue, easy transit access via several bus lines along Lincoln Way and the N-Judah light rail one block away on Irving Street. Discount adult admission on our website.; contact Ellen Nott, 4134 Judah Street, San Francisco, CA 94122; e-mail: ellen_nott@yahoo.com; Web site: www.sfgemshow.org

September 2017

2-3-HANFORD , CA: Annual show; Diggin's Productions, Hanford Civic Auditorium ; 401 Douty St; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$3, Children free; Fossil exhibit, free gem & mineral identification by certified gemologist. Vendors offering gems, minerals, custom jewelry, fossils, rough & finished material. Geode cracking, mining screening for gems & minerals. Black light display, Jessica Mills from TVs Prospectors AKA The Dirty Girl will make an appearance; contact Kathy Corbett, 341 cedar st, Hanford, CA 93230, (559)-904-4795; e-mail: Corbett1@sbcglobal.net; Web site: Digginproductions

16-17-CHICO, CA: Annual show; Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society Inc., Chico ; 2357 Fair St; Sat. 9:30-5, Sun. 9:30-4; Adults/Seniors \$3, under 16 free; Home of the World Wide Rock Tumbling Competition. Free wire wrapped Amethyst crystal neckless for first 200 kids, both days. Dealers in Opals, crystals, fossils, beads, rough rock, and flint knapping. Boy & Girl Scout badge area. Great food, silent auction, door prizes, raffle, wheel of fortune, treasure hunt, & grab bags; contact John Scott, 1288 Glenwood ave, Chico, CA 95926, (530)-321-6331; e-mail: jweazel@sbcglobal.net; Web site: featherriverrocks.org

23-24-MONTEREY, CA: Annual show; Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Monterey County Fairgrounds; 2004 Fairgrounds Road; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Admission \$4, Children free with adult; We have dealers at the show featuring jewelry, cut and uncut gemstones, beads, crystals, rough and polished rocks, mineral specimens, and fossils. This annual event also has over 50 displays featuring the gem, mineral, and fossil collections of guest and member exhibitors. In addition, there will also be demonstrations of jewelry making, sphere making, rock grinding and polishing. A silent auction will run continuously for people to bid on. This is a family event with plenty of great activities for the kids. ; contact Janis Rovetti, 1047 Roosevelt Street, Monterey, CA 93940, (831)-372-1311; e-mail: janis12@sbcglobal.net; Web site: www.cvgms.rocks

October 2017

4-8-JOSHUA TREE, CA: Annual show; Sportsman's Club of Joshua Tree, Sportsman's Club; 6225 Sunburst Street; Wed. 12-6, Thu. 9-6, Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6; Free Admission; our 42nd Annual Gem & Mineral Show in warm & sunny Joshua Tree, Ca. Only 30 miles N of Palm Springs and next to the Joshua Tree National Park. This wholesale/retail show offers everything from rugged rough rock, mineral specimens, crystals, precious gemstones, & millions of beads to exquisite fine jewelry. A beautiful Mojave desert setting, plenty of free parking and many fine vendors offering something for everyone.; contact Wayne Hamilton, 6225 Sunburst Street, Joshua Tree, CA 92252, (760)-366-2915; e-mail: jtsportsmans@gmail.com; Web site: jtsportsmansclub.com

7-8-GRASS VALLEY, CA: Annual show; Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society, Nevada County Fairgrounds; McCourtney Road, 95945-5607; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Adults/Seniors \$2, Students free with I.D., Children 12 & under free; Major Prize, Half Hourly Raffle, Silent Auction, Kids Korner, Special Large Display, individual members' display cases, demos in a forest setting with camping facilities.; contact Anita Wald-Tuttle, 6 Rockwood Drive, Grass Valley, CA 95945-5607, (530)-277-6195; e-mail: anitaw1t3@gmail.com; Web site: <http://www.ncgms.org>

7-8-VISTA, CA: Annual show; Vista Gem and Mineral Society, Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum; 2040 N. Santa Fe; Sat. 10-4, Sun. 10-4; Free Admission; Rocks, gems, minerals, slabs and jewelry items! Great place to shop for gifts for the Holidays! ; contact Kelly Hickman, 2040 N. Santa Fe, Vista, CA 92083; e-mail: vistarocksgms@gmail.com; Web site: VistaRocks.org

14-15-ANDERSON, CA: Annual show; Shasta Gem & Mineral Society, Shasta District Fairgrounds; Briggs Street; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; Free Admission; jewelry, gems, minerals, fossils, beads, crystals, slabs, rough rock, equipment & supplies at great prices. Displays of stones from around the world, demos, kids corner, incredible rocks on the silent auction, raffle, free hourly drawings, & more; contact Steve Puderbaugh, (530)-604-2951; Web site: shastagemandmineral.com

28-29-LOS ALTOS, CA: Annual show; Peninsula Gem & Geology Society, Los Altos Youth Center; One No. San Antonio; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$5, Students 12-18 \$2, under 12 free; easy access & free parking next to downtown Los Altos. Fossils, minerals, rocks, gems, & jewelry. Free Hourly drawing. Raffle tickets \$2 each or 6 for \$10 for multiple quality prizes.; contact Steve Jobe, P O Box 4962, Los Altos, CA 94024, (408)-834-5384; e-mail: steve_job@sbcglobal.net; Web site: pggs.org

28-29-SACRAMENTO, CA: Annual show; Sacramento Mineral Society, Scottish Rite Masonic Center; 6151 H Street; Sat., Sun 10-5; Admission \$6, seniors \$5, under 12 free; *kids come in costume, get a free prize!* The 81st Sacramento Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show. Something for everyone and it's all indoors! Minerals, fossils, beads, gemstones, meteorites, jade, tools/books, slabs and cabochons, snack bar. raffle, silent rock auctions, and kids activities; contact Alyssa Meiszing, P.O. Box 279291, Sacramento, CA 95827, (916)-662-5819; e-mail: gemshow@sacramentomineralsociety.org; Web site: <http://sacgemshow.com>

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