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The Carmel Valley **PROSPECTOR!**

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***The March program will be a members' show & tell; stuff from Tucson,
and whatever else anyone wishes to share with the club. Pebble Pups
and Junior members, bring something of yours, as well! Remember to tell us what it is,
where you collected, found or bought it, and why you like it!***

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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,

I'm looking forward to our March meeting show & tell. Those who went to Tucson will share treasures they found at that incredible annual experience. I also encourage any members to bring one or more favorite specimens or a lapidary piece to 'show' and 'tell' us a little about. The March program is a time for each of us to share what we love...rocks, minerals, fossils, lapidary, beading, or jewelry you've created or collected. This is truly a program by you all!

This month's refreshments will be provided by Mary Jane Stephens. Thanks, Mary Jane!

A reminder that the Salinas club is having their show March 10 & 11 in Spreckels. They are so good about helping at our show, I know they would very much appreciate some of us helping out at their show.

Hope to see you all this coming Friday, March 10, at 7pm at the PG Natural History Museum.

Susie Harlow, President, CVGMS

CVGMS BOARD MEETING: February 10, 2017

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

Present: Susie Harlow, Margaret Chan, Pearl Chan, Matt Biewer, Talma Taormina, Jay House, Adrienne Pimentel, Karin Salomon, Mike Cole, Sally Eastham, Jill Kahlow, Rich Saylor, and Janis Rovetti.

Correspondence: Matt received a flyer for a gem show the "Underground Gold Miners Museum Show" that is from June 17 & 18, 2017. It will be in Alleghany, Calif. He also had copies of the AMSF newsletter.

Membership: Jay reports no new members.

Treasurer's Report: Jill gave the treasurer's report. It was M/S/P to pay the current bills. Susie, Jill, Sally, and Janis will meet at Bank of America in Monterey on Monday, Feb. 13, 2017 to change the signature form needed for new officers. Janis will need to have a copy of the current minutes on CVGMS letterhead.

Federation: Karin had information from the Ventura Gem & Mineral Society inviting us and our fellow club members to exhibit in this year's national CFMS/AFMS Show that takes place from June 9-11, 2017 in Ventura. This can be a competitive or noncompetitive display. Go to the website at <http://2017CFMS-AFMSShow.com> to access and download the forms. Please see Karin for more information.

Scholarship: Talma received a request from a Forest Grove 3rd grade teacher who would like Talma to do her rock presentation even though she is not teaching a rock or fossil unit in her classroom. Talma asked the Board and we all agreed she could proceed with a presentation.

Sunshine: Karin told us that both Jimmy and Libby Martinez are pretty sick. Janis is going to send them a "thinking of you get well card."

Old Business: The fluorescent display is now set up upstairs at the PG Museum. Currently they are planning to have an interpretive panel to describe the display which will go on the wall soon.

New Business: Sally Eastham has agreed to be our 2017 Vice-President. Thank you Sally! Plus Rich Saylor asked the Board about reaching out to the Salinas Club to try to generate more material, pictures, stories, etc. for our Prospector. Since the Salinas club does not currently have a newsletter it could be a win-win. We could get more interesting activities published and they would also have access to our newsletter. There could be an expense involved for their club if Rich mails them the newsletter or not if Rich only delivers the Prospector electronically.

February Program: Susie will give a talk about her Rock Cycle presentations that she gives.

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

April Program: Jeff Bubbenmoyer & Mike Cole will demonstrate their jewelry making.

May Program: Talma will give a talk about the "Earth Oven/Rock Cycle" presentations that she gives.

June Picnic: Janis will try to get the BBQ for June 4, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned. The next board and general meeting is March 10, 2017.

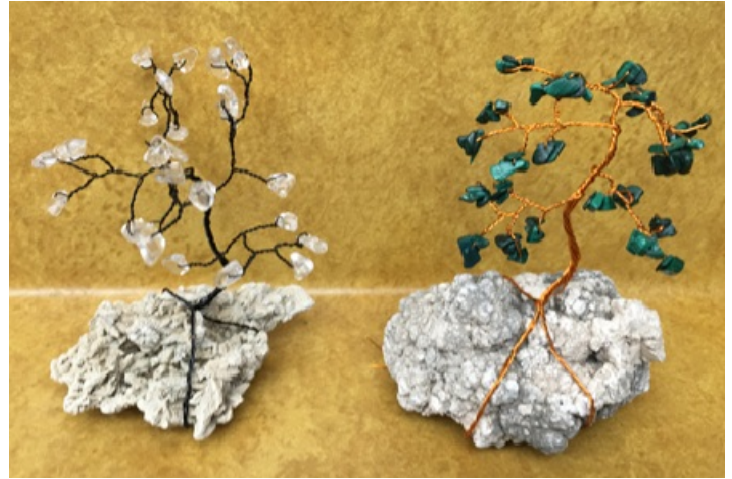
Janis Rovetti, Recording Secretary

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

The March program (March 10) will be a show and tell about Tucson. For the April program (April 14) there 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. A needle nose pliers will help in twisting the wires. If you have one bring it, there will be some available.

Also coming up:

April is the month for a club workshop at the Biewer's home in Carmel Valley.. Reserve the Saturday (April 15) and the Sunday (April 16) after the April 14 meeting for a workshop. At the workshop there are saws, grinders and polishers where club members and their guests can cut and polish rocks. There are plenty of rocks or slabs to be cut from the club rock pile or bring your own rock you collected. Come to learn, come to make something, come to teach or just come to watch and visit. Details to follow next month. *Please remember to bring your own lunch!*



And from Sky Paxton, some nice Tucson Show photos...



I believe this is a Woolly Rhinoceros. Very, VERY wooly...



Fluorite



Emerald in quartz



Elbaite, Smoky Quartz



Aquamarine, Quartz, and Muscovite



Emerald, Calcite



And as we bid a fond farewell to Tucson, we leave you with this family outing...

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Hi, Rich-

At our meeting on the 10 of February we had 26 members sign in. The special drawing prize for the dues-current member-in-attendance was Dorinda Bubbenmoyer. There was seven guests that signed in.

The guest couple that signed in were: Pat & Steele Clark, Monterey; also the family of CVGMS member Jimmy Ziebell signed in as guests, and joined the club: they are Mark (Jimmy's dad), Amy (Jimmy's sister) and and Ui, Jimmy's mom (pronounced Oo-ee, rhymes with who-we,) Ziebell, of Marina. "Taj & Eugenie" signed in as guests but left no last name.

Jay House, Membership Chai

LAPIDARY EQUIPMENT FOR SALE:

Large flat-lap/polishing machine, mounted on heavy duty table, many accessories & supplies included. Negotiable. Call Rich @ (831) 372-9215 for more info/photos.

A ROCK AND MINERAL BUYER'S GUIDE

Dear Kidz Rock'ers, we have created this Buyers' Guide to serve our valued customers, by helping you to make educated purchasing decisions that maximize your enjoyment in your rock and mineral purchases from online sellers.

Every month, we add new types of rocks on both our Ebay Store and our Etsy Store, such as Chevron Amethyst, Selenite Crystal Clusters, Blue Quartz, Amber Calcite, Huge Tri-Color Calcite, Large Baryte Roses, Rough & Polished Peridot, Freeform Polished Labradorite, Huge Purple Fluorites, Huge Selenite Logs, Huge Chalcopyrite, Pure Copper Nuggets, Natural Orange Calcite, Polished Top Crystals, Green Kyanite Palm Stones, Polished Apache Tears, Ocean Jasper, Script Jasper, Sea Foam Jasper, Polished Lapis Lazuli, Huge Smoky Quartz Clusters, several dozen types of hard to find XXL tumbled products, and so many more!!

Of course, online purchasing by seeing photographs and descriptions of mineral specimens *isn't* the same as buying in person, so here are some of the important considerations to be aware of when buying from an online seller:

SIZE MATTERS

When it comes to your enjoyment of mineral specimens, size does matter! There is a huge difference in how much more enjoyable a 3 inch specimen is than a 1 inch specimen. There's nothing more disappointing than seeing a nice rock online and then when you get it in the mail it turns out to be a tiny specimen, much smaller than it appeared in the photo or photos!

So, while price shopping is always smart, making sure you'll be getting a nice sized specimen at a fair price, which is the best way to ensure your enjoyment of your purchases. To be sure that you'll be getting what you really want, buy only from sellers that have several visual reference points, showing clearly the actual size and overall appearance of the specimen in the photos, with a ruler shown in the photo and the detailed measurements written in the listing description. Showing the specimen being held in someone's hand also shows its true size.

BUYING BY CARATS OR WEIGHT, in grams or ounces ?

Kidz Rocks brand is known for generous sized specimens and at prices well below the competition. We are able to do that with a combination of being active miners ourselves, and also by sourcing products either directly from the mines or as close to the mine as possible, cutting out the usual "middle men".

If a specimen is being sold by carat, remember that "carat"- a weight measurement- is typically only used for faceted precious gemstones such as diamonds, emeralds and pearls, *not* for mineral specimens. If, for example, a seller lists Lapis Lazuli as "100 CARATS AAAA++ Lapis Lazuli" for \$4.95, though that might seem like a bargain price, remember that "100 carats" is really less than 1 ounce, which would mean you'll be getting a lapis specimen about 1/2 inch in size! *Pretty small!* At Kidz Rocks, even our *free* surprise specimens we include in every order are 100 carats, minimum, or even much larger.

COLOR, AND OFTEN CLARITY, MATTERS

When buying mineral specimens color matters as much, if not more than, size and price. The more vibrant the mineral color as well as the color contrast of specimens with combined minerals, the higher value the specimen. For translucent or semi-translucent minerals and semiprecious stones, such as quartz, garnet (a neosilicate) and many more minerals, this is especially true, not to mention being an extremely important consideration in purchasing precious gemstones, such as beryl (aquamarine & emerald), rubies and sapphires (corundum) and the like, not to mention diamonds (pure carbon)! And when buying *turquoise*, color is *everything*!

IS WHAT YOU SEE WHAT YOU GET?

Did you ever buy a rock online and when you get it in the mail the color looks very different than what you saw in the photographs? On the other hand, have you ever bought a Kidz Rocks specimen and it looked *exactly* like it does in the photographs? We're willing to bet it did! So- here's why: Photographing mineral specimens properly is quite complicated and a lot of sellers online do not know how to do it correctly. Using the right camera and using proper lighting for the specimen isn't something, it's *everything*. We feel that few, if any other, sellers do it right- the way we do. Not to get too technical, but we at Kidz Rocks not only use 4500 degree color temperature bulbs with the camera color temperature set to match the bulbs, we also use the only bulbs available on the market rated 100 CRI, made by Solux. CRI- Color Rendering Index- is a measure of the ability of a light source to reveal the colors of various objects faithfully, when compared with a natural light source. This method of photographing specimens does not change the colors of the specimens when seen onscreen, so color correction, or any other editing to the image, is unnecessary. When you buy from Kidz Rocks, what you see IS what you get!

FEEDBACK MATTERS

All sellers, us included, of course love positive feedback when using Ebay. We're proud of our 100% feedback rating, and we work hard to keep it that way! However, sometimes problems can occur, so if you ever experience an issue with your purchase from Kidz Rocks, PLEASE call or at least email us before simply giving us negative feedback. Remember that at Kidz Rocks, the customer is ALWAYS right, so we will *always* resolve any problem that might occur in YOUR favor!

Please help spread the word about Kidz Rocks on all social media: "Like Us" and "Follow Us" on Facebook, "Follow Us" on Twitter and "Subscribe" to our YouTube Channel to watch videos of Kidz Rocks mining adventures.

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FROM THE EDITOR...

In response to my request for "early submittals" for this month's Prospector, everyone I emailed responded most positively, and well in advance of the usual last minute submittal date. My truly sincere and honest thanks to all! I wish *especially* to thank not only the usual contributors but Matt Biewer and especially Sky Paxton as well, for Matt's writeup and photo of the Tucson show, and for Sky's really interesting photos of the same event! Thanks also go to Karin Salomon, for not only her frequent and worthwhile contributions, but for passing on the interesting and informative article by Alan Scalone ("A Rock and Mineral Buyer's Guide"), an edited version of which appears in this issue, by permission. Keep it up, guys; I need all the help (and contributions) I can get!

Cheers,
Rich

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 "Show & Tell"!

-Talma

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.

March 2017

10-12—VICTORVILLE, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club, Victorville; Stoddard Wells Road; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; Free Admission; Event is an outdoor/drycamping venue in Mojave desert beneath the Verde Antique Marble Quarry atop Stoddard Mtns.; contact Brett Ward, (760)-948-1232; e-mail: bretts88@verizon.net; Web site: www.vvgmc.org

11-12—KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON: Annual show; Rock and Arrowhead Club, Klamath County Fairgrounds; 3531 South 6th Street; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9:30-4; \$2 donation; contact Marv Stump, Klamath Falls, OR 97601, (541)-882-8341

11-12—SPRECKELS, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Salinas Valley Rock and Gem, Spreckels Vets Hall; 5th and Llano Streets; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Admission \$2, Children free; Fun for the family, silent auction, snack bar, demonstrations, wheel of rocks, vendors, displays, hourly drawings, fluorescent display.; contact Gary Beck, (831)-901-9845; e-mail: garybeckpca@yahoo.com; Web site: salinasrockandgem.pagecloud.com

11-12—SAN MARINO, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Pasadena Lapidary Society, San Marino Masonic Center; 3130 Huntington Drive; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Free Admission. Contact Marcia Goetz, CA, 626-260-7239 or talk-text to 727-512-0381; e-mail: pasadenalapidary@aol.com; Web site: www.pasadenalapidarysociety.org

11-12—TURLOCK, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Turlock Gem Show, Stanislaus Fairgrounds; 900 N. Broadway; Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 10am-5pm; Admission: \$6, Children under 12 free with paid adult; contact Bud & Terry McMillin, (209)-524-3494; e-mail: bud.mcmillin.b7yj@statefarm.com; Web site: www.turlockgemshow.com

25-26—ROSEVILLE, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Roseville Rock Rollers Gem and Mineral Society, Placer County Fairgrounds in Roseville; 800 All America City Blvd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$6, Seniors \$5, Children 12 and under free. contact Gloria Marie, PO Box 452, Roseville, CA 95661, (916)-216-1114; e-mail: gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com; Web site: <http://www.rockrollers.com/show.html>

25-26—ANGELS CAMP, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society, Calaveras County Fairgrounds; 101 Frogtown Rd. ; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Admission \$5, Children 12 and under free; contact Anna Christiansen, (209)-847-1173; e-mail: annachristiansen7132@comcast.net; Web site: calaverasgemandminingersociety.org

30- April 2—JOSHUA TREE, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; JT Sportsmans Club, Sportsmans Club; 6225 Sunburst Ave; Daily 8-6; Free Admission; contact Wayne Hamilton, 6225 Sunburst Ave, Joshua Tree, CA 92252, (760)-366-2915; e-mail: jtsportsmans@ymail.com; Web site: www.jtsportsmans.com

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1-2—CHICO, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Paradise Gem & Mineral Club, Silver Dollar Fairground; 2357 Fair Street; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; Adults \$4, Children under 16 free; contact Kevin Wright, 3373 Rabbit Road, Oroville, CA 95966, (530)-990-0211; e-mail: agateorca@ix.netcom.com; Web site: pgmclub.wix.com

1-2—TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society, Ken Miller Recreation Center; 3341 Torrance Boulevard; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Free Admission; contact Nancy Pekarek, Torrance, CA, (310)-257-8152; e-mail: pekareks@hotmail.com; Web site: www.southbaylapidaryandmineralsociety.com

8-9—MARIPOSA, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Mariposa Gem and Mineral Club, Mariposa Fairgrounds; 5007 Fairgrounds Road; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Admission \$3; free admission to the California Mining and Mineral Museum during the show; contact Meredith Meehan, (209)-742-7625; e-mail: [mgmc@sti.net](mailto:mgmcc@sti.net); Web site: <http://camineralmuseum.org/2016/08/2017-gms>

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

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

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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

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