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The next meeting will be Friday, November 14, 7:00 PM, at the PG Natural History Museum. **The program will be the Annual Auction!** So, please bring something to auction off, to support the club's activities!

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

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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

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Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society general 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, at the Veterans Hall in Spreckels 5th & Llano streets; 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 14 & 15, 2015, Veterans Hall, Spreckels. (2nd weekend in March). Admission will be free, lots of FREE parking.

2014 CVGMS Tentative Monthly calendar: PLEASE NOTE, ALL DATES TO BE CONFIRMED.

January: Friday the 10th

February: **Friday the 21st** The Newark show will be on Feb. 21, 22 & 23. Carpooling is suggested.

March: Friday the 14th.

April: Friday the 11th

May: Friday the 9th

June: **Sunday the 8th** (planned): Annual picnic & White Elephant Sale- Whispering Pines Park, Monterey

July: Friday the 11th

August: Friday the 8th

Sept.: Friday the 12th (General Meeting) **54th ANNUAL CVGMS GEM SHOW, SAT.& SUN. the 27th & 28th**

October: Friday the 10th

November: Friday the 14th - **THE ANNUAL AUCTION!**

December: Sunday, Dec. 7: **ANNUAL XMAS DINNER & INSTALLATION OF 2015 OFFICERS**

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Message from the President

Hi Everyone,

Going, going gone! It's Auction Time!! Please join us at the PG Museum Friday Nov. 14 at 7:00 p.m. for our annual Auction! We will have donated specimens from our members and more wonderful material from Rudy Bargas and his family. There may also be some lapidary equipment that will allow you to set up a little workshop at home! We always have a great time and always leave with treasures! I look forward to seeing you there! And a reminder that the proceeds benefit our school programs, scholarship fund and club activities!

I would also like to thank Jay for the program on beautiful Crocoite, the crystal that our show exhibitors received as a 'thank you' for contributing to our beautiful exhibits.

We will also be saying 'good-bye' to Lori Mannel, the Executive Director of the PG Museum who is moving to Texas with her husband in support of his new job. She (as well as all of those associated with the museum) has been so supportive of our club and so generous in letting us use such a wonderful room for our monthly meetings. We wish to thank her for her dedication to the Museum's enriching exhibits, it's meaningful work and community service which, as Lori says, will continue with the Museum Board of Directors, staff and volunteers. Thank you again and we wish you well in your new endeavors!

Our annual Christmas Dinner is also right around the corner! Sunday Dec. 7, 2014 at the Pacific Grove Masonic Lodge. Doors open at 4:30 (a good time to pay Jay for 2015 dues at the door) and we eat at 5:00 pm. We will be installing the officers for 2015. We always welcome anyone interested in being an officer to let us know by our Nov. meeting. It's always good to have new folks injecting new ideas and fresh enthusiasm on the board! So please consider becoming an officer on the board. It's fun and your chance to have an active impact on the activities and direction of the club. Our club is only as enriching as it's participants and we very much value everyone and their contributions!

I hope to see you all at our Auction Friday Nov. 14, 7:00 pm at the PG Museum!

Susie Harlow, President
Carmel Valley Gem and Mineral Society

CVGMS Board Meeting: October 10, 2014

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

Present: Susie Harlow, Margaret Chan, Pearl Chan, Talma Taormina, Matt and Barb Biewer, Jay House, Karin Salomon, Adrienne Pimentel, and Janis Rovetti.

Correspondence: Matt had flyers for the Gem & Mineral Show at the "Barn" in Livermore, CA on Nov 22 and 23, 2014. Matt also said he received an okay for the downtown Monterey banner next year. The city will send an invoice.

Membership: Jay reports no new members this month.

Treasurer's Report: Pearl gave the treasurer's report. It was M/S/P to pay the current bills.

Federation: Karin reports that she is attending the CFMS Business meeting in Visalia on Nov. 8,

2014. Jim B-T is asking for tumbled stones to fill bags for the CFMS show next year in Lodi. Karin reports that 32% of collecting areas have been lost in the last 50 years. San Gabriel Mountains could be a loss as there is a proposed bill that could be passed with or without public input.

Scholarship: Talma has an upcoming program at Bay View Charter School. We discussed a new bingo game that Talma is putting together for us to play at a future meeting. Fun!!

Old Business: Our Sept. show was a huge success! Thank you to all who helped!

New Business: Please consider the idea of having new officer nominations this year. Everyone think about what they might like to do for the next year. There will be a Biewer workshop the weekend after the Nov. meeting which is Nov. 15 and 16 from 10am to... and BYOL.

October Program: We are showing a DVD on the beautiful Crocoite found in Tasmania.

November Program: Our annual auction. Bring rocks and goodies to donate! It's great fun.

December Program: Our annual holiday dinner on Sunday, Dec. 7 at the Masonic Hall in PG. The meeting was adjourned. The next board and general meeting is Nov. 14, 2014.

Janis Rovetti, Recording Secretary

ANDREI PASHIN

Janis has found out that Andrei passed away last month, apparently from a stroke. Janis has sent a card to Sara.

A memorial service for Andrei has already been held. Our sincere condolences go out to Sara and the family.

POINTS OF INTEREST

The Annual October lapidary workshop: November 15 and 16.

A lapidary workshop is scheduled for Sat Nov. 15 and Sun Nov 16 at the Biewer shop. Arrive at 10:00 am and stay as long as you like. Come either day or both days. Bring your favorite rocks to cut and polish or choose something from the club rock supply or buy a rock at the auction. Come to learn or come to teach or come to finish a project. Bring a lunch.

For the carvers in the club, bring your machines, Barb will be having a carving workshop in the dining room.

Get directions at the November 14th meeting.

ABOUT GEODES

Rich,

This is the site I used to gather info on geodes and pointed several folks to at the geode booth. It is made for pebble pups and has sound as well. I wonder if they have anything we could use at a meeting? <http://www.magickeys.com/books/bitaba/geodes.html> -Mike Cole

MEMBERSHIP REPORT Jay House, membership chairman

Hi Rich

At our October meeting we had 26 members present. There were 12 guests present. None of the guests left any contact information. -Jay

PG MUSEUM WEBSITE

The new Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History website is up and running! Please head over to pgmuseum.org and take a look around. If you click "About" you'll find a link to the CVGMS website. *Regards, Talma.*

EASTER SEAL STAMP DRIVE

Please save all your cancelled stamps - leave a 1/4" border around each edge. The state CFMS, of which our local Carmel Valley club is a member, turns them over to Easter Seals. They in turn sell them to stamp vendors. This is a good, easy, and painless way to make a donation. Doesn't cost anything, and Easter Seals reap the benefits!

Thanks, Karin Salomon
local CFMS representative, California Federation of Mineralogical Societies

PEBBLE PUPS

Hi Pebble Pups and Jr. Rockhounds,

This coming Friday, rather than the usual monthly presentation and Pebble Pups "meeting", we'll be having our Annual Auction, so if you have something you'd like to donate for the auction, bring it along; and bring some change in case there's something you'd like to bid on. *See you there!*

Talma Taormina, Scholarship Chairperson

THE CAYUCOS SHOW

by Suzie Grimes

Bob & I went to Cayucos this past weekend (October 25/26) & just happened upon their gem show (the San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club's 13th Annual Show-ed.).

We were impressed with the display of lapis! I hope you can use these photos- Suzie

I sure can! Any other photos, as well, guys... -ed.



The Cayucos Show

At the right is a photo of Bob & a dealer from Afghanistan selling a LOT of lapis, mined near the Chinese border. We've never seen so much lapis in one place before! Apparently with the war and so on lapis mining- once a small operation by individuals- is now on a commercial basis, to provide a source of income for the economy. Of course the supply isn't unlimited; to make matters worse the price of lapis has dropped somewhat. Good for collectors, bad for their country. Unfortunately we forgot to get his name.

We wound up buying a piece weighing about 2 pounds, for \$40.



Bob & the Afghan lapis dealer



Pretty good size ammonite!



I just HAD to take a photo of this display... so pretty! -Suzie

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The Monterey Bay Aquarium Holiday Craft Fair

Sunday, November 16, 2014 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

All staff, volunteers, friends and family are invited!

Please enter through the Main Entrance.

Over 40 wonderfully creative aquarium staff and volunteer vendors!

Here are only some of the many items that will be offered for sale:

Bird houses, books, candles, ceramics, children's clothes, hats, blankets, animals & toys, Christmas ornaments, & decorations, clocks, glass art –vases, tumblers, stained glass, greeting & notecards, handbags, totes, & gift bags, handmade furniture, jewelry, marine prints, needle crafts –knitting, sewing, crocheting, lace pillows, paintings –fine art & prints, picture frames, photography, pottery, pressed flower art, cards, bookmarks, scientific illustrations, silk scarves –hand dyed soaps & lotions, watercolor paintings, wildlife art & photos, wood block prints, & laser-cut notecards, plus much more!

SACRAMENTO STATE GEOLOGY CLUB

proudly presents

THE 7TH ANNUAL ROCK AUCTION

THE ALUMNI CENTER

NOVEMBER 21, 2014

6:00 PM



6000 J Street, Sacramento 95819 South end of campus east of Hornet Stadium

Parking is available directly outside Alumni Center

Silent and live auctions featuring beautiful mineral, rock and fossil samples.

Games and prizes for kids of all ages, bring the family!

Hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be provided.

To arrange your donation (pick-up or drop off) and for donation inquiries, please call Robin at 916-995-1436



The Barstow Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Club

will celebrate their 40th annual Gem & Mineral Show on Saturday December 6th & Sunday December 7th, 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Cora Harper Community Center, 841 S. Barstow Road (north of the I-15 at Barstow Road Exit). There will be displays of lapidary arts, fun rocks & mineral collections, with a viewer's choice award.

Walt Wright will be there with his Petrified Wood Display, sharing his knowledge with us all.

Silent Auctions several times each day, including a special auction for a used Diamond Pacific Genie lapidary machine.

For the kids & young at heart there are our famous Spin the Wheel and Grab Bags.

Dealers with a variety of unique gifts for all ages, beads, mineral specimens, rough & finished lapidary fun.

An Opportunity Drawing.

Demonstrations, educational exhibits -- our proceeds go to our local scholarship.

And Great Food & refreshments for those that would like to sit and chat with other rockhounds.

If you would like to display your favorites, it is not too late to contact Danny Watts, at 760-373-1309, to reserve a display case. Hope to see you there !

-forwarded by Karin S.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

This month, **only California and next-door states Oregon & Arizona shows are listed**, due to space limitations. However there are many, many shows throughout the US and Canada, both club/Federation and commercial. For more information & other out-of-state listings, please go to: rockngem.com or cfmsinc.org

PLEASE NOTE THAT COMMERCIAL (non-club) GEMSTONE, JEWELRY, & BEADING SHOWS such as Gemfaire, Crystalfair, Martin Zinn Expositions, and others are generally not listed, since there are so many, but can be found at the above websites. Please **confirm** all show dates, if you plan on attending- *Ed.*

November 2014

8-9—ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; American Opal Society; The Phoenix Club - Festhalle; 1340 S. Sanderson Ave., southeast of Ball Road and 57 Fwy. at Phoenix Club Dr.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$3, children (under 15) free; dealers, opals, gems, jewelry, fine crafts, rough and cut opals, other gemstones, geodes, jewelry-making tools and supplies, gold panning, books, prize drawing, free opal seminars, free demonstrations, gem cutting, jewelry making, gem carving, wire wrapping, inlay, faceting, cabbing; contact Veronica Pupura, American Opal Society, PO Box 4875, Garden Grove, CA 92842, (714) 501-9959; e-mail: info@opalsociety.org; Web site: www.opalsociety.org

15—PORTLAND, OREGON: Auction; Columbia-Willamette Faceters Guild, OMSI Auditorium; 1945 SE Water Ave.; Sat. 5:30-10; free admission; preview at 5:30 p.m., auction 7 p.m.; contact Gail Bumala, PO Box 2136, Portland, OR 97208; e-mail: president@facetersguild.com

15-16—APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA: Show and sale; Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club; Victor Valley Museum; 11873 Apple Valley Rd.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission; contact Cyndy Mandell, 14625 Cashew St., Hesperia, CA 92345, (760) 508-1080; e-mail: cynmandell@me.com; Web site: www.vvgmc.org

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29-1—MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA: Wholesale and retail show; Gem Faire Inc.; Monterey County Fairgrounds; 2004 Fairground Rd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5, Mon. 10-4; free admission; fine jewelry, gems, beads, crystals, gold and silver, minerals, exhibitors, jewelry repair while you shop, hourly door prizes; contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300; e-mail: info@gemfaire.com; Web site: www.gemfaire.com *(Please note that due to its proximity listing this show is an exception! -Ed.)*

6-7—LAKESIDE, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; El Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral Society; Lakeside Rodeo Grounds; 12584 Maplevue St.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; free admission; rocks, minerals, fossils, slabs, gemstone jewelry, crafts, kids' activities, raffle; contact Mary Ness, 10101 Alenwood Way, Santee, CA 92071, (619) 449-0759; e-mail: ecvgms@gmail.com

15-16—PAYSON, ARIZONA: Annual show; Payson Rimstones Rock Club, Mazatzal Hotel & Casino Event Center; Hwy. 87 at Mile Marker 251; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$2, children (under 12) free; gems, minerals, specimen rocks, fossils, lapidary equipment, jewelry and findings, slabs or rough material, gold prospecting equipment, dealer displays, club displays, Educational Corner, fluorescent display, sand painting, beading, Spinning Wheel, silent auction; contact Margaret Jones, PO Box 884, Pine, AZ 85544, (928) 970-0857; e-mail: margieaberry@gmail.com

22-23—APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA: Show and sale; Apache Junction Rock & Gem Club, Apache Junction High School; 2525 S. Ironwood Dr.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$3, students \$1, children (12 and under) free; dealers, jewelry, gems, opals, beads, rocks, specimens, slabs, fossils, lapidary equipment and supplies, silent auction, hourly door prizes, grand raffle, gem-tree making for all ages, wheel-of-rocks, egg-carton rock collections; contact Kelly Iverson, (480) 325-2705; Web site: www.ajrockclub.com

29-30—WICKENBURG, ARIZONA: Show and sale; Wickenburg Gem & Mineral Society, Wrangler Event Center; 251 S. Tegner St.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; more than 40 dealers, rocks, gems, beads, minerals, jewelry, fossils, lapidary tools, kids' room, door prizes; contact Beth Myerson, (480) 540-2318; e-mail: myerbd@gmail.com

December 2014

12-14—RIALTO, CALIFORNIA: Show and sale; OrangeBelt Gem & Mineral Society, 105 S. Palm Ave.; open field across the street from Rialto City Hall; Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-3; free admission; fossils, minerals, gems, jewelry, jade, rough rock, polished stones, crystals, opals, crafts, Spinning Wheel, tailgate; contact Ken Gard, 205 W. Benedict, #8, San Bernardino, CA 92408, Workshop (909) 381-0089 or Jessica (909) 887-5507; e-mail: kengard@roadrunner.com; Web site: obmsrocks.yolasite.com

NOTE: JANUARY & FEBRUARY ARE THE MONTHS FOR QUARTZSITE & TUSCON. PLEASE CONTACT WEBSITES FOR THESE EVENTS FOR MORE INFORMATION, AS THERE ARE FAR TOO MANY EVENTS TO LIST HERE!

January 2015

16-18—GLOBE, ARIZONA: 58th Annual Show; Gila County Gem & Mineral Society, Gila County Fairgrounds; 3 miles northeast of junction U.S. 60; Fri. 9-5; adults \$3, students and children free; more than 40 specimen display cases, children's fossil and mineral specimen dig, fossil program; contact Jodi Brewster, (623) 810-9780; Web site: gilagem.com

17-18—YACHATS, OREGON: Annual show; Yachats Chamber of Commerce, Yachats Commons; 4th and Hwy. 101; Sat. 10-4, Sun. 10-4; free admission; gemstones, fossils, minerals, jewelry; contact Donna Hirschman, PO Box 550, Yachats, OR 97498, (541) 270-3777; e-mail: iamhrsch@yahoo.com; Web site: www.yachatsagatefestival.com

17-18—EXETER, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Tule Gem & Mineral Society, Veteran's Memorial

Bldg.; 324 N. Kaweah/Hwy. 65; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; showcases, dealers, demonstrations, children's activities, near Sequoia National Park; contact Bill Bingaman, PO Box 265, Three Rivers, CA 93271, (559) 741-6381; e-mail: Bandgbing@aol.com; Web site: Tulegem.com

February 2015

13-22—INDIO, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society, Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival; 82-503 Hwy. 111; Daily 10-10; adults \$8, seniors \$7, students \$6, children (under 5) free; indoor dealers, 108 showcases, jewelry, gems, beads, crystals, geodes, jewelry repair, lapidary demonstrations, geode cutting; contact Bert Grisham, 1029 N. 8th St., Banning, CA 92220, (951) 849-1674; e-mail: bert67@verizon.net

21-22—ANTIOCH, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Antioch Lapidary Club, Contra Costa County Fairground; 1201 W. 10th St.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, children (12 and under), Scouts in uniform, and active military with ID free; jewelry, gems, findings, supplies, slabs, auction, grab bags, exhibits, hands-on projects for kids; contact Brenda Miguel, 115 Hillside Ln., Martinez, CA 94553, (925) 301-6957; e-mail: Brenda.miguel@yahoo.com; Web site: www.antiochlapidaryclub.com

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21-22—MESA, ARIZONA: Annual show; Apache Junction Rock & Gem Club, Skyline High School; 845 S. Crismon Rd.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$3, students \$1, children (12 and under) free; dealers, jewelry, gems, cabochons, beads, opals, rocks, slabs, fossils, lapidary equipment and supplies, hourly door prizes, silent auction, gem tree making, raffle, kids' egg-carton rock collections, Wheel-of-Rocks; contact Kelly Iverson, (480) 325-2705; Web site: www.ajrockclub.com

28-1—VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society, Solano County Fairgrounds, McCormack Hall; 900 Fairgrounds Dr.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, children (under 12) free with adult; "Spring Bling": jewelry, beads, necklaces, turquoise, jade, minerals, fossils, crystals, demonstrators, Kids' Corner activities; contact Dan Wolke, 900 Fairgrounds Dr., Vallejo, CA 94590, (707) 334-2950; e-mail: dncwolke@sbcglobal.net; Web site: www.vjgems.org

Be sure to verify all show dates before planning on attending!

AND LASTLY, FROM THE EDITOR...

Please note that this newsletter has been (mostly) set in "Arial", 12 point bold, to make readability considerably improved for our older readership. Let me know what you think! Comments are always welcome, of course. Please send any to saylor@redshift.com.

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