

The Carmel Valley
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone!

Wow....this year is quickly coming to a close!

We had a great show in September....although the weather was a bit off, we actually had a few more people attend than the year before and our total revenue was up from the previous year...and you all helped make it a great show...thank you again!!

Thank you to Carla Fairey for an amazing presentation and by "flashlight" too! For those of you who missed October's meeting, as it got under way, parts of Pacific Grove lost electricity including the museum. But, the hardy lot that we are, we proceeded with Carla's great presentation on Indian artifacts and more, by flashlight! With two flashlights trained on her face and one on the objects on the display table, she gave a really interesting presentation! We then enjoyed our refreshments by flashlight, the raffle by flashlight and the meeting was a great success! Thanks to all for being such good sports! And again, thank you Carla for a terrific job under less than terrific circumstances!

We have two months left of this year and they are going to be great!

Our November meeting, the 11th, will be our annual auction, proceeds benefitting our scholarship and education outreach programs. This is a great chance to add to your collections (or subtract by donating) or purchase some great lapidary equipment. Come a little early so you can preview some of the offerings of the evening and set your sights on a few favorites!

In December, on Sunday the 11th, we have our annual Christmas Dinner and installation of new officers.....notice the word "new"....if any of you would be interested in trying your hand at an office or being a board member, please let us know at the November meeting....it's fun being in on the planning of the activities of the club and you would have plenty of help from the current board!

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting, November 11, 2011.

Susie Harlow, Pres, Carmel Valley Gem and Mineral club

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CVGMS BOARD MEETING September 9, 2011

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

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

Membership: Jay reports there are no new members.

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

Sunshine Report: Steve Shears, one of our dealers, unfortunately had to cancel selling at our show due to being ill with pancreatic cancer. We wish Steve well. Nicole may send him a card.

Scholarship Report: Talma said we received huge accolades from our Rocks and Mineral Day on 8/27/11 at the PG Museum. It was a lot of fun and thank you to everyone who volunteered to help. We again discussed having Talma get a "Photo Release Form" that parents will sign when their child is in a photograph. She obtained some releases from Lori Mannell to use as a template. It was M/S/P. We have two releases, one for a child and one for an adult. Jay will keep them on file.

Federation Report: Per CFMS there is a Jade Cove field trip from Sept. 16th to 18th to collect nephrite jade, serpentine, actinolite, soap stone, and abalone shells. Also in the Sept. CFMS newsletter is an article from Jim Brace-Thompson for a "Call to Action. Save our California State Mining & Mineral Museum." It apparently is on the State Parks closure list. He would like to urge all CFMS members to spread the word and try to save this

museum from closure. The link to Jim's Facebook page is www.facebook.com/pages/California-State-Mining-and-Mineral-Museum/192306770823629 or contact Darci Moore, Curator, Calif State Mining & Mineral Museum, 209-742-7625 or dmoor@parks.ca.gov. And the annual ZZYZX Camp date for next year is April 1-7, 2012.

New Business: We are gearing up for our annual show. Setup will start on Wednesday Sept. 21 at 9am. Please sign up on the sign-up sheets if you haven't already done so.

October Program: Carla Fairey will give a program on Native American Art.

November Program: Our annual auction. Brings lots of rocks and stuff!

December Program: Our annual Christmas dinner and installation of new officers.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is Friday, October 14, 2011.

Janis Rovetti, Recording Secretary

EDITOR'S NOTE: Regrettably the October meeting minutes have not been submitted for publication by this date (9 Nov. 2011). Hopefully they'll be in the December Prospector...

Rich

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UPCOMING EVENT: November Workshop

The workshop for the club is scheduled for Sat. Nov. 12 and Sun. Nov. 13, at the Biewers'. Come either day or both days, anytime between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. Come to learn or come to teach. Learn how to make a cabochon or just cut and polish a rock. Bring a lunch and bring rocks to cut and polish or select rocks from the club rock pile and slab inventory. There are rocks and slabs to cut, or select a performed cabochon from the Bill Mercer collection and just start grinding and polishing. Pebble Pups are welcome! -Matt

FROM TALMA:

Pebble Pups:

Because of the Auction at our November meeting, we won't be having our usual Pebble Pup Activity. And, we don't have a meeting in December because of our Holiday Dinner. So you don't need to bring your folder and completed activity page back until the January meeting. But still come to the meeting, and bring some money to spend on the rocks that will be auctioned off. There are always good deals to be had.

Talma Taormina

SHOW REPORT

Well, some 835 paid admissions were sold this year; last year the total was 830. No particular count was taken of kids attending... about \$10,000 gross was received, with some \$6,500 +/- in expenses. Last year's expenses were somewhat less; but this year the club bought geodes, so expenses offset the slight gain in admissions, meaning that this year's overall net was a bit less. The snack bar netted some \$300, but \$200 went to the Fairgrounds for use of the kitchen, leaving the club with about \$100 in net profit from snack bar sales. So overall the club netted about \$3,890, overall...down a teeny bit from last year's net of \$4100 but still not bad. Thanks, everyone!

Pearl Chan, Treasurer

FROM JAY HOUSE- MEMBERSHIP NOTES:

Please update your Rosters - we have some new members:

Beverly Marynak, San Juan Bautista; Addison Sani , Marina, and two pebble pups with Addison: Alan Sani and Harry Tjahja.

Bob Waibel's granddaughter, Alexis J. Aalgaard, has become a pebble pup!

Welcome, all, to the Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society!

I also have some address & phone corrections for members Pat Antonio, Rod Allison and Robert & Gisela Canez. As it is not the policy of this newsletter to publish member's personal information- including addresses and contact numbers, etc., for those *members* wishing to update this information please contact me directly.

At the last meeting we had 35 members sign in and 11 guests sign in. Only one guest left an address; Howard Schragger, of Monterey.

Last but not least 2012 DUES ARE DUE. Dues are \$15 an individual and \$20 for a couple.

For those of you that have joined after June 1st, your dues are paid for 2012.

-Jay

A MESSAGE FROM "Jim Brace-Thompson"- jbraceth@roadrunner.com

Date: Sunday, October 23, 2011 11:05 PM

Subject: New National Geographic TV Show--looking for uncut gems and fossils from private collections for filming on Nov. 7

This email seeks your interest and your help with the most spectacular mineral, uncut gemstone, or fossil in your collection that was found in the U.S.A. Time is of the essence with this particular request.

I and other officers within the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies have been contacted recently by the National Geographic Channel. They are in the midst of producing a new TV show entitled "America's National Treasures." It will be similar to "Antiques Roadshow." For each episode, they'll travel to a different city and will talk with people bringing in "American Treasures" for evaluation and discussion with experts. They'll be coming to Los Angeles for a film shoot on Monday, November 7. In particular, they'll be filming at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. They're asking for anyone interested to bring in minerals, uncut gemstones, or fossils from their collections-specimens specifically from the U.S. The more spectacular, the better. Also, a preference will be for specimens that were self-collected, but that's not an absolute requirement, so if you have a fantastic benitoite crystal, for instance, that you purchased at a gem show or inherited from your parents, that would be a great candidate to bring in. Also, any unique or unusual specimen that has an interesting story attached to it. If you are interested in participating, you should fill in the attached form RIGHT AWAY and email it-along with a photo of your specimen/s-to Brittany Graham (Producer, "National Geographic: America's National Treasures," Brittany.g@cox.net, phone 818-295-6966, Ext. 111) and/or Belit Paulissian (Segment Producer, belitp@gmail.com, phone 818-295-6966, Ext. 345). You can send in a form for one specimen, or forms for up to three specimens. They will then pre-screen all the entries that they receive and will alert and invite between five and seven people to come to the LA Natural History Museum at a time to be determined on November 7th to meet with museum curators for a discussion that will be filmed for potential airing on the new TV program. Once they've selected the specimens they'd like to highlight, they'll be back in touch with full details on where and when to meet at the LA museum, but it will most likely be the morning of November 7. If any of you have seen Antiques Roadshow, you know this should prove to be a lot of fun. But-again-you need to act right away, as within the next couple of days, to give them time for the pre-screening process. This will be a one-day shoot. You would bring your specimens to the museum and would take them back home with you. Should you have further questions, I encourage you to call or email Brittany and/or Belit directly. They've both been great in responding to my own queries and both are very excited about the possibilities for this

new show. But the show can only happen with YOU and YOUR HELP and YOUR WONDERFUL COLLECTIONS!

Best regards,

Jim Brace-Thompson

2011 President, California Federation of Mineralogical Societies

(805) 659-3577 jbraceth@roadrunner.com

P.S. Please note: I myself will be traveling and out of contact October 25-30, so again, if you have questions, please get in touch-right away!-with Brittany and/or Belit.

EDITOR'S NOTE: THE ABOVE NOTE- by the time of snailmail publication, out of date- WAS EMAILED SHORTLY AFTER I RECEIVED IT, TO THOSE MEMBERS WHO ARE RECEIVING EMAIL... if you'd like to receive such notices promptly & I don't have your email address (if you have one) please let me know what it is! Thanks, Rich saylor@redshift.com

A FEW BRIEF NOTES FROM THE EDITOR...

CELEBRATIONS & ANNIVERSARIES... November "Happy Birthday" wishes to Margaret Chan!! Again, *many thanks* to all who contributed to this month's Prospector...without you guys- as always- there would BE no newsletter! -Rich

THE OCTOBER MEETING...

Well, we could have called this meeting "Lights Out in P.G...." Shortly after Prez Susie's usual fine intro, just before the scheduled presentations by Talma for the Pebble Pups & our visiting guest speaker from the Salinas club, Carla Fairey, speaking on the subject of American Indian artifacts, out went the lights! Like, all over P.G., as it turned out...so, the remainder of the meeting was held by the dim glow of the exit signs & a variety of flashlights! Carly brought a wide variety of most interesting artifacts which, according to the great tale she spun about collecting stuff in Mexico, then accidentally having some Native American folk checking out her stuff by the roadside, followed by a success of invitations to set up a little light trading on various tribal lands. No selling, just trading....Katchina dolls, baskets, a cottonwood root used to make Katchina dolls and lotsa handmade stuff! Regrettably a bit hard to see due to the shortage of voltage but it made for a most interesting talk; after the meeting of course everything could be seen (again, by flashlight) on the display table....we really need to have Carly back again! During/after the meeting our refreshment crew did their usual fine work, sort of like dining by candlelight but good nonetheless! Finally, homeward bound, no lights until upper Forest Avenue, at the Monterey/PG border... *Good thing we don't hold our meetings in a secure facility type place with emergency power-out lock-out/lock-in exits...*

-Rich

STUFF FOR SALE:

FROM SKY: Sky probably still has stuff leftover from his yard Sale; if you have specific needs for stuff, including lapidary equipment give him a call..lapidary equipment incl. diamond blades, etc. rocks & who knows what? Contact Sky Paxton for more details, @ 831-262-8044.

Lapidary Equipment for sale, Bakersfield CA: (Passed on by Karin S.)

I have a home made 18 " saw for sale. I have not used this equipment in several years and hate to see good equipment go to waste. A great starter saw, has an oak cabinet carriage, tight, as are the bearings, electric feed and good blade... also an extra new blade in box that goes with it. I am asking \$400. Also I have a ton of tumblers. 1) 6 fifteen pound barrel tumbler. 2) 3- fifteen pound barrel tumblers, 1 homemade 50 pound barrel tumbler; extra inserts, 1/2 full barrel 120/220 grit, several grit kits, several Lortone 1 and 2 3 pound barrel tumblers, and a couple of vibratory tumblers, \$350.00. I'll even throw in 50 pounds of tumbling rough, or everything for \$600.00 , also four casters, a full 100 pound barrel Kerr satin cast investment, \$40.00. If interested please e-mail me or call (661-323-2663).

(Ed. Note: The spelling & punctuation, etc. in this ad was a bit rough; I did my best to interpret it...however I may have misunderstood something in the ad, so please clarify exactly what's for sale if you email or call the seller. No name was given in the ad.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hi Rich! This weekend I'll email photos of my grandson Nathan Ryan's rock collection which he and I photographed in August when I visited Virginia. Nathan is seven years old. We couldn't go rockhounding then as the temps stayed between 95-104 degrees the whole visit. We went swimming instead. Some of Nathan's collection he found himself in creeks and woods or bought at his local rock shop, some are African trade beads from another relative's trip, some from Nathan's big train adventure where he, his mom and brother Roland were given several mineral specimens by the friendly owner of a Tucson area rock shop, and one is clam fossils from Monterey Bay which I collected back in the 1960's when it was legal and later gave to Nathan's mom.

Feel free to use any of these pics in November or future Prospector mags if you want to. Andrea Wilson





*Thanks for the
very colorful
photos, Andrea!*

-Rich

AND, FROM KARIN...

We have a new rock shop addition in downtown San Juan Bautista: A *San Andreas Fault Museum*; GeoZeum.

Located at 2098 3rd St., San Juan Bautista; phone 831-623-9021. Phil Stotter runs the place, he use to work for USGS, has gemstones, and many natural rock and fossils, information, and history, etc. Could be room for a small meeting bigger than Beck's living room. *(Note: that's for the Salinas club membership...-Ed.)*

Phil is a good information source. Contact him at phil@geozeum.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Only club and Federation shows in California , & nearby shows in Oregon, Nevada & Arizona are listed, due to space limitations. For more information & other out-of-state listings, please go to: rockngem.com/showdates or cfmsinc.org

Please confirm all show dates- Ed.

COMMERCIAL SHOWS will no longer be listed; those wishing to obtain information on non-club or non-Federation shows are advised to check out the following promoters & websites for the latest info & show dates:

ALL "Crystal Fair" events: contact Jerry Tomlinson, P.O. Box 1371, Sausalito, CA 94966, (415) 383-7837 (415) 383-7837 ; e-mail: jerry@crystalfair.com; Web site: www.crystalfair.com

ALL "Gem Fair" events: contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300 (503) 252-8300 ; e-mail: info@gemfaire.com; Web site: www.gemfaire.com

ALL "Rings & Things BeadTours": contact Dave Robertson, (800) 366-2156; e-mail: drobertson@rings-things.com; Website: www.rings-things.com

NOVEMBER 2011:

4-6--BLACK CANYON CITY, AZ: Annual show, Rock-A-Rama; Braggin Rock Club; High Desert Park, 19001 E. Jacie Ln.; free admission; gems, rough, slabs, minerals, crystals, jewelry, equipment; contact Don, (623) 374-0202, or Braggin Rock Club, PO Box 308, Black Canyon City, AZ 85324

4-6-- EUREKA, CA: Show and sale; Humboldt Gem & Mineral Society; Redwood Acres Fairgrounds, 3750 Harris St.; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$2, children \$1; flint knapper, live demonstrations, geode cutting; contact Toni Tyson, 82787 Charlestown Ave., Indio, CA 92201, (707) 502-9574; e-mail: rockchick9233@aol.com

5-- TUCSON, AZ: 10th annual silent auction; Old Pueblo Lapidary Club; 3118 N. Dale; Sat. 9-2; free admission; contact Danny Harmsen, (520) 323-9154

5-6-- CONCORD, CA: Annual show; Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society; Centre Concord, Clayton Fair Shopping Center, 5298 Clayton Rd. (near Ygnacio Valley Rd.); Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5 (discount on Web site), children under 16 and Scouts in uniform free with adult; fluorescent room displays, 21 vendors, minerals, fossils, gems, crystals, jewelry, books, tools, equipment, lapidary supplies, 60 exhibitors, 12 demonstrators, beading, wire-wrapping, faceting, stone carving, youth activities, silent auction, prizes, raffle, woolly mammoth skull, giant jade, giant cave bear, giant auction; contact Harry Nichandros, P.O. Box 4667, Walnut Creek, CA 94596, (925) 289-0454; e-mail: bob@ccmgs.org; Web site: ccmgs.org

5-6-- LANCASTER, CA: 10th annual show; Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club; Antelope Valley Fairgrounds, Van Dam Pavilion, 2551 W. Ave. H; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission; gemstones, minerals, beads, lapidary, jewelry, display supplies, dinosaur program with Richard Wade, petrified wood programs with Walton Wright, kids' scavenger hunt, silent auction, demonstrations, raffle; contact Cheri George, 2255 W. Avenue O, Palmdale, CA 93551, (562) 243-8470; e-mail: lizardwoman3@yahoo.com; Web site: www.palmdalegemandmineral.com

5-6-- RIDGECREST, CA: 56th annual show; Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society; Desert Empire Fairgrounds, Mesquite Hall, 520 S. Richmond Rd.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission; contact John DeRosa, (760) 375-7905; e-mail: IndianWellsGems@hotmail.com; Web site: www.indianwells.weebly.com

5-6-- SAN DIEGO, CA: Annual show; San Diego Mineral & Gem Society; Al Bahr Shrine, 5440 Kearny Mesa Rd.; Sat. 9:30-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; free gem I.D., more than 12 dealers, more than 40 exhibits, club sales, slabs, books, magazines, junior booth, door prizes, demonstrators, faceting, lost wax casting, silver chain making, sphere making, wire wrapping; contact Bob Hancock, (619) 889-6886; e-mail: RHBOBHANCOCK@cs.com; Web site: www.SDMG.org

11-13-- SACRAMENTO, CA: Annual show; Sacramento Mineral Society; Scottish Rite Temple, 6151 H St.; Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; adults \$5, children (12 and under) free; 75th Diamond Jubilee, Siberian Cave Bear exhibit, hourly prize drawings, rock exhibits, fossils, opals, carvings, beads, mineral and rock specimens, custom and wire-wrapped jewelry,

meteorites, mystic stones, rock slabs, crystals, findings, nephrite, jadeite, faceted stones, polished rocks, rings, pendants, diamonds, lapidary equipment; contact Terry Rubstello, 8251 Tanowa Court, Sacramento CA, 95828, (916) 682-5330; e-mail: onerockcollector@gmail.com; Web site: www.sacramentomineralsociety.org

12- VALLEJO, CA: 2nd annual show; Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society; Vallejo Veterans Bldg., 420 Admiral Callaghan Ln.; Sat. 9-5; adults \$1, children under 14 free with adult admission; free raffle prizes; contact Dan Wolke, 255 Essex Way, Benicia, CA 94510, (707) 745-1816; e-mail: dnewolke@sbcglobal.net; Web site: www.iwired.org

12-13- LAKE HAVASU CITY, AZ: 42nd annual show; Lake Havasu City Gem & Mineral Society; LHC Community Center, 100 Park Ave.; mineral and jewelry displays, dealers, demonstrations, educational geological presentations; contact C. Russell, (928) 846-0927

18-20- SPRINGFIELD, OR: Show; Springfield Thunderegg Club; Willamalane Center for Sports and Recreation, 250 S. 32nd St.; Fri. 12-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 11-4; contact John Randall, PO Box 312, Springfield, OR 97472, (541) 683-2661, or Bob Smith, (541) 736-0060

19-20- OXNARD, CA: Annual show; Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society; Oxnard Performing Arts Center, 800 Hobson Way; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; free rock for each child, lapidary demonstrations, glass-bead making, wire wrapping, rock polishing, dealers, gems, minerals, fossils, stone beads, Idaho opals, silver craft, finished jewelry, tools, lapidary supplies, books; contact Norb Kinsler, 6550 Swan St., Ventura, CA 93003, (805) 644-6450; e-mail: show_info@oxnardgem.com; Web site: www.oxnardgem.com

19-20- PAYSON, AZ: 14th annual show; Payson Rimstones Rock Club; Mazatzal Hotel & Casino Event Center, Bingo Hall, Tonto Apache Reservation; adults \$3, children under 12 free; gems, minerals, fossils, lapidary equipment, education center, spinning wheel, silent auction; contact Margaret Jones, (928) 476-3513 or (928) 970-0857

26-27- MONTEREY, CA: Wholesale and retail show; Gem Faire Inc.; Monterey County Fairgrounds, 2004 Fairground Rd.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; jewelry, gems, beads, crystals, silver, rocks, minerals; contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300; e-mail: info@gemfaire.com; Web site: www.gemfaire.com
(Editor's note: this commercial show is listed only because it's in Monterey. Other commercial shows are not listed.)

26-27- WICKENBURG, AZ: 11th annual show, WOWW Gem Fair; Wickenburg Gem & Mineral Society; Wickenburg community Center, 160 N. Valentine St.; free admission; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; more than 40 dealers, gems, minerals, jewelry, door prizes, grab bags, spinning wheels, raffle; contact Beth, (480) 540-2318 or (928) 684-0380

AND IN MARCH 2012...

BAKERSFIELDS'S 11th ANNUAL ROCK AND GEM SHOW, 16th - 18th March 2012

Where: Kern County Shriner's (Noble) Park, 700 South P. Street, Bakersfield, California: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 16th, 17th and 18th 2012. Friday & Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Sunday 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. FREE PARKING, FREE ADMISSION, FREE HOURLY DRAWINGS!

A show for those both young and old, interested in jewelry, fossils, meteors, mining, gold panning, rock collecting or even the ancient art of arrowhead making! We will have demonstrations and education seminars throughout the show. We have free hourly drawings for a chance to win a wonderful gift donated by our vendors! There will be displays of minerals and rocks from California and throughout the World; even glow-in-the-dark rocks. The Shriners will be our food vendors from here on and all proceeds from food go to their wonderful organization to help children. This year we will have vendors from all over the United States and from abroad, selling unique items made from Mother Earth. We will even have a vendor from Mt. Ida Ark., joining us in 2012 with great Mt. Ida quartz crystals.

I would like you to join us for a fun filled weekend that the whole family will enjoy. Parking and admission are free. For those needing hotel accommodations, we have arranged a special deal for our visitors and vendors at a nearby hotel. Or, there will be ample room to dry camp at our facility. Just let us know either way how many will be in your group. WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MORE VENDORS TO JOIN OUR FUN FILLED SHOW! For more information about our show or becoming a vendor please contact Lynne Helfrich (661)323-2663 or e-mail lewsrocks@bak.rr.com or lewsrocks@netzero.net SEE YOU THERE - Lew